



6 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 13 Criminology Students trip to Shrewsbury Prison – Tuesday 17 December 2024

'Crime and Punishment' is the title of Unit 4, the final unit of study on the Criminology course. An aspect of this unit that we spend considerable time on, is the nature of prison as a punishment in the UK, and how its aims can be assessed for effectiveness. Shrewsbury Prison is a category B men's prison only decommissioned in 2013 and now open to the public, used primarily for educational purposes. It provides an amazing opportunity for students to understand the history of incarceration, develop critical ideas about the purpose and nature of prison, and enhance ideas about the geography of a prison. Shrewsbury Prison has specific programmes designed for KS5 students studying Criminology (as well as an escape room), and so is effectively purpose built to complement their studies in school. This trip promises to be enriching given its close links to the course, but also widens perspectives on societal punishment and rehabilitation that they stand to benefit from beyond school.

The cost of this trip is £68. There are 17 places available and will be booked on a first come, first served basis, via your child's sQuid account. Please make payment via your sQuid account and you will be able to do this from 7pm on Sunday 17 November 2024 (closing at 10pm on Monday 18 November 2024). Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost if your child is unable to go.

As we anticipate this to be a high demand trip, we would advise parents/carers to log in to sQuid using a web browser rather than using the sQuid app. We have found that occasionally, certain phone models do not fully support the functionality of the sQuid app and parents/carers have struggled to complete the booking process. Please ensure you select the trip from the Trips/Offer Section, add the trip to your basket, agree to the Terms & Conditions, and then fully check out. Should you be unsuccessful in securing a place for your child and would like to be added to the reserve list, please email enquiries@coxgreen.com, for the attention of the Trip Administrator, requesting this.

We will travel to Shrewsbury by coach. Students are to meet at the front of school for 7.30am and we aim to return to school for approximately 6.30pm, and we ask parents/carers to arrange collection of their child for this time. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the duration of the day. A reminder that nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed. Students can wear their own appropriate clothing on this trip and the venue have advised to wear sensible footwear and warm clothing (coats, jerseys) during the winter months.

Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.

If you would like any further information about this particular trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email on enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Aston
Subject Leader for Criminology and Psychology/Head of year 11

Please note:

- Places on all trips are subject to the school Behaviour Policy. Any student who receives an internal or fixed term external exclusion will have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be re-sold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be re-sold.
- Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.
- If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e., weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.
- This is an optional trip and is not essential to the curriculum or completion of the syllabus being studied.