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**ALL YEAR 7 PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 7 Dudley Zoo & Castle Trip - Wednesday 8 July 2026 & Thursday 9 July 2026**

I am writing to let you know Year 7 will be going to Dudley Zoo and Castle on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (Y Pop and Nurture Group) and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July (X Pop.) This will be during the school day and pupils should arrive to school as normal. We will leave around 9:30am once registered and return for around 3:10pm, traffic dependant. All pupils will need to wear the Dormston (summer) school uniform and will require a pack lunch. If your child receives free school meals, a pack lunch will be provided.

The trip forms part of the Humanities' curriculum and focus on, the Norman conquest and the English civil war. As well as this, students will be exploring the zoo! Pupils will need to bring a pen with them as there will be some fact-finding challenges to complete when visiting the castle.

Your child will also need to bring any medicines they need for the day, such as inhalers (asthmatics) and any other medications if on a school medical plan (we may need to look after these if already kept in school, but you will be notified.) Please ensure they have these in place to be able to go.

The cost of the trip is £20 for entry to the zoo, castle and transport to and from the venue. A reduction has been applied for Pupil Premium students. There is a gift shop, but I wouldn't recommend pupils bringing more than £10 to spend. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, as we would like all pupils to attend this end of year outing. I can be contacted on [scooksey@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:scooksey@dormston.dudley.sch.uk) if you have any queries.

This trip will go live on ParentPay shortly, which will need to be paid for by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026.

Yours sincerely

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