

Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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Alternative Curriculum Day – Thursday 13th November 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

On Thursday 13th November Year 7 pupils will be taking part in Alternative Curriculum Day. Activities include a half day visit to Bede's World and a half day of activities in Whitburn Village. A more detailed summary of the day's work is below:

Bede's World activities:

- Learning about Bede's life, monks and the monasteries and candle making
- A visit to the farm to experience how manual labour was a daily part of the monk's life
- ➤ A visit to the church where pupils will appreciate what it is like to pray as Bede did, and the importance of prayer in early Christianity

Pupils will be transported to and from Bede's World by coach.

Whitburn Village activities:

- A visit to our parish church to discuss the rites of the Anglican church with church elders
- ➤ Whitburn History Walk (a trail with clues which reveal interesting facts about Whitburn Village).

Pupils are expected to wear Academy uniform and will be accompanied at all times by their tutor. There will be additional support staff based at Bede's World and also to walk pupils to the village and supervise them when they follow the History Walk around the village centre.

Pupils must bring a packed lunch, including a drink, as the timing of the day will be slightly modified from the usual school day, with an earlier lunch break. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to pick up their packed lunch at 8:45am from the Quiet Room.

As you have previously consented to your daughter/son taking part in off-site activities by signing the Academy Policies Agreement Form via the Pupil Planner, there is no need to give separate consent for this day. However, if you have any queries about the day, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Learning Year 7

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