



Noadswood

February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Expression of Interest for Year 11 Educational Visit to Longford Castle – Salisbury

For our current year 11 group one of our key topics is Elizabeth I early years 1558-1588. The history department have been given an opportunity by Lord Radnor to visit Longford Castle near Salisbury. Longford Castle having been built in the Elizabethan and as such would give our students a sense of the styles and buildings from this historic period created from the wealth generated through Elizabethan voyages of discovery. Longford Castle is one of the grandest stately homes in Britain and has been the residence of one family for 300 years. It is not a compulsory requirement to visit a historic site. However, we hope that this visit will allow 30 of our students to appreciate Elizabethan architectural, design and interiors and add to their GCSE studies for History.

The date for this trip will be **Wednesday 22 April 2026**; spaces are limited by the venue to 30 students. We will be travelling by school minibus and will leave Noadswood after tutor time at **9:45am** and arriving back at school at **2.50pm**. We will be stopping on the way back at the McDonald's, Salisbury for lunch. Alternatively, students will need to bring a packed lunch with them, and any drinks they require. If your child is entitled to school meals this can be provided for them from the school canteen. If you wish your child to have a MacDonal'd's instead, the cost of this will need to be incurred by yourself. **Your child will not be required to wear school uniform.**

The total cost of the trip will be **£16.00** which includes travel to and from the venue and the ticket to get in. In the first instance, if your child is successful in gaining a place on this trip, we would be asking for full payment by **Friday 13th March at 4pm**.

Before we ask for payment, we would like to gauge how many students would like to go. If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details to provide consent. **By providing consent, you are agreeing to pay the full payment as mentioned above.** Once payment has been made, if you withdraw your child, we will not be able to process a refund until a replacement has been found. The closing date for requesting a place is **Wednesday 4th March 2026**.

We do reserve the right to not proceed with the trip if numbers are too low. If this trip is oversubscribed, we will determine the places by a fair ballot. **Confirming your child's place through Arbor does not guarantee that they have a space on the trip.** We will confirm after the closing date if your child has been successful in obtaining a place and will then request payment. The deadline for making payment will be **Friday 13th March 2026**.

We always take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we

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carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

Yours sincerely

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