



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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Date: 21st May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

'Warwick Castle: Unwrapped and Sword and Battle Skills.' Thursday 25th June 2026

As part of our ethos at Higham Lane School, encouraging creative writing for pleasure is an integral part of our role as teachers. We are pleased to offer Year 7 the opportunity to visit Warwick Castle to take part in a tour of the Castle itself, a bespoke Swords and Battle Skills workshop, and an experience with the Birds of Prey run by trained professionals at the Castle. There will also be the chance to explore the intriguing lives of the people who lived, loved, and died in the Castle through its vast history. The castle has been hosting to Kings and Queens, home to Lords and Ladies, and haunts to those who remain, even beyond the grave. This trip will enable students to experience an awe-inspiring local landmark, whilst engaging in a writing workshop run by experienced staff.

The visit will take place on **Thursday 25th June 2026** and students will need to be in school for **8.30am** and will return to Higham Lane School by **3.15pm**.

The cost of the trip is: £35. This cost is to cover transport, entry into the Castle and the Swords and Battle Skills workshop. Students will need to bring a packed lunch that they can eat in a designated lunch spot. If your child receives free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them. Payments for trips should be made using the ParentPay website by following the link to <https://www.parentpay.com>. After logging in, please follow the link to the relevant trip by clicking the "Pay for items" button. You should then pay for the trip after clicking "Add to basket". Then click "Go to checkout" and "Pay securely now" to complete your payment. Attendance on this visit is entirely voluntary and is not an essential part of the English curriculum for your son/daughter.

If you have forgotten or mislaid your login details for ParentPay, please contact Reception to obtain this. Please note that if your child qualifies for the Pupil Premium, this may be used to contribute towards the cost of the visit.

Please ensure that your emergency contact details are up to date. If not, please complete a new OSA2 form (OSA2 forms are available from Reception or Student Services). Students for whom we do not have an up-to-date OSA2 form will not be allowed to go on this trip.

We will leave School at 9.00am on the day of the visit and travel by coach Warwick Castle. We aim to return to school for a normal finish of 3.15pm. Your child will be returned to Higham Lane School by coach. Students will need to wear full school uniform for this visit and will also need to bring a packed lunch. They may also want to bring some spending money for the gift shop, but this is not required.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions about this visit.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Smedley
Assistant Subject Leader for English