

9th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 8 history trip to the Black Country Living Museum

We have booked for year 8 students to visit the Black Country Living Museum on Friday 16th October 2026.

Year 8 are currently learning about the Industrial Revolution and the history of the local area. Attending this trip is a great opportunity to support your child's learning. The trip will include the gas mine show, a Victorian school lesson and the opportunity to explore a reconstruction of a 19th century town.

This is a whole year group trip so this will replace normal timetabled lessons on this day. We ask for contributions towards the cost of the trip. We have subsidised this trip, so the contribution amount will be just £20 per student, payable via ParentPay. If you are unable to pay the full price, any contributions towards the trip will be appreciated.

We will leave school by coach at 9:00am and aim to be back by 3:00pm, traffic dependent. Students will be required to wear full school uniform on this trip. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch with them as there will not be the opportunity to buy food at the museum. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen before we leave. Students will not be permitted to eat on the coach.

Payment:

Contributions can be made by debit or credit card online via ParentPay. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept cash or cheques in school.

To pay for the trip, log in to your child's ParentPay account. The trip name will appear in 'Pay for other items'. Then click 'View details and pay'. When you have added the trip to your basket, click 'Pay now'. You will then be able to pay securely by credit or debit card.

ParentPay will open on Friday 11th September, and the deadline for payments is Thursday 24th September, at 8am. If you don't have your ParentPay login details, please ask your child to speak to their form tutor to request a letter

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Parents/carers are advised to contact Miss Poole, in confidence, if there are any financial difficulties. Her email address is h.poole@bournville.fmat.co.uk.

Consent:

Please note that by making payment via ParentPay you are providing consent for your child to attend the trip. Staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the students, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered to students arising during, or out of, the school visit. By paying for this trip, you are agreeing to give permission for the staff in charge to act in *loco parentis* if medical treatment is required.

Trip Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to attend school trips, students must meet the following standards:

Attendance & Punctuality Requirements: Years 8, 9 & 10: Minimum 92% attendance, Years 7 & 11: Minimum 96% attendance, no more than 10 late marks in a term.

Behaviour Requirements: Fewer than 25 negative behaviour points in a term and no suspensions.

Behaviour: Places are subject to the exemplary behaviour of your child as an ambassador of Bournville. Any breach in behaviour prior to the visit may result in your child being removed from the visit and the loss of any payments made for this trip. This includes any students who may be subject to exclusion from the academy.

Refunds:

Any request for refunds will be subject to an overall review of affordability of this trip by the academy. This is because some trips require the school to pay non-refundable deposits for items such as tickets, accommodation, or coaches prior to the trip. If your child is unable to attend the trip at very short notice, then please be assured we will always do our best to find a student who can take their place, thus enabling us to afford refunds, but if we are unable to do this then we may be unable to offer refunds.

If any of your child's medical details have changed and you have not yet notified the school, please contact Mrs Lowndes Marsh to request a new medical consent form.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 0121 475 3881.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Reynier,
Subject Lead – History

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