

Our Ref: BG/kmd/quarry

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Quarry Bank Mill

As part of the Year 8 study unit 'The Industrial Age: Change for the better?' the History department has organised a visit to the National Trust property, Quarry Bank Mill in Styal, Cheshire. In 1758 Samuel Gregg built a cotton mill which, like others at the time, helped to transform Britain into a global industrial power. This visit will allow students to gain a real understanding of the working and living conditions in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The visit will consist of:

- A mill tour where students piece together the evidence to find out more about the life and mysterious death of child worker John Foden.
- A chance to experience the sights and sounds of a 19th Century mill, including working spinning and weaving machines, the water wheel and steam engines all in action.
- A guided tour of Styal village built by the Greggs for their workers.
- The opportunity to step back in time and meet the superintendent of the Apprentice House as she shows us where the young would eat, sleep and at times study around their work of course!

The visit will leave school at 9.00am and return after the end of the school day at approximately 5.30pm. Students will need to be picked up from school. Students will also need a packed lunch, (this can be provided for those receiving free school meals). Students will not be required to wear school uniform on the visit; they should wear clothing appropriate to an outdoor field visit. Please consider warm and waterproof clothing for the outdoor elements of the visit. If your child suffers from travel sickness, it may also be useful to take relevant medication before travel and please let the school know, so that they can be sat in an appropriate position on the coach.

There are 50 places available on the visit each day and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. In order to run the visit, we have to ask for a voluntary contribution of £25 per place. There is no obligation to contribute, however the visits can only go ahead if the level of support is sufficient. To pay and complete the medical/permission form please use ParentPay. Should you need a log in please contact the school office. All paperwork and voluntary payments must be completed before Monday, 18th October.

The visits will run on the following dates:

Wednesday, 3rd November – 8JWA, 8EJW, 8SHU (Part1)*

Friday, 5th November – 8SPA, 8JGI, 8SHU (Part2)*

*For those pupils in form 8SHU, due to making even numbers on both days, will be split in half (the trip name will be clearly labelled on ParentPay with which date your child will be attending).

Yours faithfully


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