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Dear Parents and Carers

The English department are keen that our students visit and use their local library. Suffolk libraries are a valuable local resource providing students with free books, audio books, computer services, films, as well as clubs and events (<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/>).

We are therefore taking all Year 7 students during a period 5 to visit Clare Library. This will provide students with the opportunity to get to know and understand what is available to them in their local area. They will be shown how to use the library: how to search for and request books, use the computers, including the 3D printer, and browse the different titles in the library.

We will also make a stop along the way to Clare's local book shop Harris and Harris. If students would like to bring money to purchase a book, they may do so, but this is not essential.

Each English class will visit on a different day. The dates and groups are as follows:

- Wednesday 5 November – 7ED with Miss Woods
- Tuesday 11 November – 7EB with Ms Stokes
- Wednesday 12 November – 7EA with Mrs Gill
- Friday 28 November – 7ED with Miss Savage

Students will have an early lunch and then leave school with an English teacher at 13:40 and return by the end of the day at 15:00. With the weather getting colder, we would like students to bring coats for the walk.

Many students may already have a library card, please can we request that they bring this along with them so that they may borrow any books that they would like. For those who don't have an account, we would like to sign them up. I have attached a parental consent form which allows a child unaccompanied by their parent or carer to join the library. Please fill in the details and return to your child's English teacher prior to their trip.

Should you have any enquiries please contact me at: lsavage@stourvalley.org

Yours faithfully

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