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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 14 October – 7EC with Mrs Gill
Tuesday 20 October – 7EB with Miss Woods
Wednesday 21 October – 7ED with Miss Savage
Friday 23 October – 7EA with Ms Stokes

Students will have a slightly earlier lunch and then leave school with their English teacher and LSA at 13:40 and return by the end of the day at 15:00. As we are walking to the library, please ensure students have a coat if the weather is wet/cold.

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 attach 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.

Please contact me with any questions lsavage@stourvalley.org

Yours faithfully

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