



March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Shepton Mallet Prison Trip – Monday 8 June 2026

The History Department is delighted to offer 50 Year 9 History students the opportunity to visit Shepton Mallet Prison on Monday 8 June 2026. Although the visit is not essential to the KS4 curriculum, it is a fantastic opportunity for students to consolidate their understanding of punishments used through time studied in both History Crime and Punishment. Students will be taking part in an education workshop and guided tour of the Prison, and have the opportunity to enjoy an escape room activity alongside exploring and gaining first hand knowledge of the prison system, its purpose and how it has changed over time.

Travel will be by coach from the Kings Academy, leaving at 9.00am and returning at approximately 3.00pm. The total cost of the educational visit will be £36.00.

The cost will include the following:

- Transport to and from Shepton Mallet Prison
- Entrance to Shepton Mallet Prison and a guided tour of the Prison
- Education workshop led by the Shepton Mallet Prison team
- Entrance to the Escape Room activity

Students should bring a packed lunch which will be consumed at the Prison during the trip. Please note there is no café on site, so students will not be able to buy food at the Prison.

The total cost of this trip is £36. Payment for this trip must be made using the My Child At School App. The trip will be available on the My Child At School App **from 8.00am on Monday 23 March 2026**. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

The visit will be covered by the Academy's Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carers you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment

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activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, and the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and Bromcom. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608.

Yours sincerely

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