



## BROCKHURST & MARLSTON HOUSE

Dear Form 2 parents,

Thursday 8th June: 'Learning about university life after school' – and a visit to Oxford University Museum, an Oxford College (Lady Margaret Hall), and more.

This is a specific trip for 2, as shown in the Calendar. We have run these trips for a number of years and it is always well received by the children. Other members of staff will be joining us.

We will leave school at about 8.30am and travel by school coach and first port of call is Britain's first public museum has its roots in collecting. In 1683, Elias Ashmole presented his collection to Oxford University which created the Ashmolean Museum to house them. The collection was miscellaneous man-made and natural specimens and curiosities from every corner of the world with the donation. The neoclassical museum that stands today was not opened until 1845, and the museum continued to grow with archaeological collections added in the 1890's making it now one of Britain's most important museums of art and archaeology. The collections span the civilizations of east and west, charting the aspirations of humankind from the Neolithic era to the present day. The children will be able to see the Lantern that Gunpowder Plot conspiracist Guy Fawkes carried in 1605, the Death mask of Oliver Cromwell, among many other curiosities.

Next, we'll head to St Giles to check out two pubs that were frequented by the legendary Inklings - JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis, and Lewis Carol (aka Charles Dodgson). We'll be walking in the footsteps of literary giants, and who knows, maybe we'll even come up with our own literary masterpiece over lunch!

We are booked to pop into my college, Lady Margaret Hall, to see what life as a student is really like, meet a current student, see the chapel, dining room, boat house and the college's own punts and to pay homage to the artistic graffiti on the college walls commemorating the college's 'Head of the River' rowing crews.

Leave School about 8.30am

Assuming that the A34 is behaving itself we should be back at school at about 4pm.

A charge of £40 will be on the end of term bill.

Pupils may bring some money to fritter away at the various gift shops if they wish – but please, not too much. £5/10 should be ample.

No phones. School uniform.

Best wishes,

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