

4th November 2025

Year 10 evening trip Ice skating, at Chelmsford Riverside Ice & Leisure centre, Friday 5th December

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be organising a Year 10 visit to Chelmsford Riverside Ice and Leisure on **Friday 5th December** to start the festive programme of events offered at Farlingaye. This trip will give students the opportunity to experience the 'Skateside disco' at the ice rink complex involving not only hours of enjoyment on the ice, but a live DJ, music and snow machine too! The trip will **leave school at 17:30** and we will travel by coach, **returning at approximately 22:30**, with around two hours at the rink. As a consequence of this, students will need to arrange, if necessary, their own transport both to and from the school. The students will be indoors for the majority of the time whilst at the ice rink and will need to bring with them suitable clothes for the ice. However, they will need to bring a versatile set of clothing as the temperature in the building can rise quickly. The cost includes the return trip by coach, entry to the ice rink complex and the hire of skates for the evening.

For the trip the school will be aiming at taking a total of 93 students. As a result, places will be limited and will be selected at random following the cut off for the handing in of forms. Parental consent **forms should be returned at break time on Tuesday 11th November to Mr Branch in H4**. In order to avoid the splitting of friendship groups' students can hand their forms in groups of up to four and have forms stapled together, and if picked out then all four will receive a place. In the unlikely event that the trip is under-subscribed the Headteacher's decision is final on who will be able to participate.

If your son or daughter secures a place on the trip, the **cost of the evening will be £24**. Our preferred method of payment is via ParentPay. Once the list of 93 students is finalised those participating in the trip will have a ParentPay portal opened to them and their names will appear in the daily notices and will be read out by their form tutor. Deadline for payment is Tuesday 18th November. If payment is not received by this date the place will be offered to students on a reserve list. Money should not be given to your child's Form Tutor. If parents face financial difficulties they should contact the Headteacher confidentially to discuss what support the school could offer.

Parents should be aware that it is school policy that participation in a trip will be dependent on staff feeling confident that your son/daughter will behave appropriately. In particular, poor behaviour between now and the date of the trip may result in your child being withdrawn from the trip. The decision of the Headteacher on this matter is final.

As parents/ carers you need to be aware that, as with all school trips, there is an element of risk in this trip. On this particular trip we shall be travelling by coach and the ice rink involves physical activity, with the possibility of injury.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Branch, *Teacher of History*

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Please return to H4, during break on Tuesday 11th November

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Student Name Tutor Group

I consent to my child taking part in this activity and acknowledge that the staff will be liable in the event of any accident only if they have failed to take reasonable care of my child during the visit. I consent to my child receiving medical treatment, which in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary and I confirm that the medical/contact information held on the Farlingaye system for my child is up to date.

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Signed..... (Parent/Carer)

Date