

5th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

John Spence Pledge Day – Friday 25th September

Year 8 - North East Heritage

As part of our John Spence 'Fit for Life' Pledge, we are organising a cultural trip for every year group to participate in. **This year, the Year 8 cohort will visit Cragside House and Forest in Northumberland.** The school is covering the cost of the trip and it will be a great opportunity for our students to experience the wider world, outside of curriculum lessons. Pupils must arrive at school at **9:00am** and go to their form class. At 9:30am pupils will be escorted onto coaches which will take them to Cragside. Once at Cragside, they will stay in form groups and complete a circuit of the attractions. They will depart from Cragside at 2:00pm so should arrive back on site at approx. 2:50pm.

Pupils must bring a packed lunch. If they receive free school meals, a grab bag can be provided. **Pupils must be in full John Spence PE kit.** There will be a substantial amount of walking during the visit so sensible footwear (walking boots/sturdy trainers) should be worn, as well as an outdoor, waterproof coat and sun cream. We hope they find the day informative and enjoyable!

Please remember to let the school office know if your contact details have changed, or your child has any new medical needs that we need to be aware of.

Yours Sincerely

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