

5th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

John Spence Pledge Day – Friday 25th September

Year 9 - North East Landmarks

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 9 cohort will visit a series of local landmarks on public transport.

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 as normal for 8:30am and go to form class. Pupils will be dismissed a form class at a time and will begin a route which will take them from school, onto the metro, and off at the following stops to explore the landmarks:

- Grey's Monument
- Newcastle Castle
- Quayside
- Baltic Art Gallery

Pupils will be dismissed from the metro station, they departed on, and will make their own way home. They have the option to walk back to school with their form tutor should they wish. **There will be a significant amount of walking so sensible footwear and full PE kit must be worn.** Pupils must bring a packed lunch. If they receive free school meals, a grab bag can be provided. **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.** We hope the students find the day informative and enjoyable!

Yours Sincerely

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