

10th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Centre VR Visit

Technology has come a long way in the last few years! My children cannot comprehend a life without the internet, a world where you cannot contact anyone in an instant – including shouting any request at a small round box that sits in the corner of the room – or a time when you had to watch certain programmes on certain days at specific times or you missed them. Children today live in an unrecognizable world to the one I grew up in and it continues to change at a phenomenal pace.

Recently, some teachers were introduced to the world of Virtual Reality.

Virtual reality is going to upend the world and cause a monumental shift in the way we surf, shop and experience the web, thanks to the pure power and imagination of human thought. It will dramatically transform the way we learn, live, communicate and connect with others around the world.

R. L Adams – Author, blogger, software engineer and serial entrepreneur

Whether we like it or not, there is no doubt that technology will continue to develop and change the way we live our lives and at Castleman Academy Trust, we are passionate about preparing our young learners for that ever changing future.

Would you like to take a journey to a shipwreck and get up close to a blue whale? Take part in the Apollo 11 mission? Or perhaps you'd rather stand on the edge of the Grand Canyon for a few minutes? Well now, through Virtual Reality technology, your children can experience all of these in one morning.

We have recently built links with Centre VR in Bournemouth and we have secured the opportunity for every pupil at Broadstone Middle School to experience Virtual Reality at this brand new site with the latest technology at an incredibly reduced rate. We are very excited to take up this opportunity and be one of the first schools to offer this VR experience to our pupils. This is an important part of the curriculum and we can offer a two hour VR experience for £11 per pupil which will also include transport costs to the centre. (This usually costs £35 per hour). Please make the payment via ParentPay by Friday 21st June 2019. If you require a PayPoint barcode letter please contact the school office.

Dates for visits for Year 5 are as follows:

5V: 01/07/19

5Y: 03/07/19

5X: 04/07/19

5W: 09/07/19

5Z: 11/07/19

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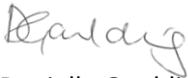


Pupils will need to arrive in school at **8.30am** on the day of their visit, wear school uniform and bring a water bottle and snack with them.

Any member of the public accessing the VR Centre must complete the attached waiver. Please read carefully and sign on behalf of your child. Return this waiver along with the permission slip to the school office. Without the signed waiver, your child will not be able to take part in this opportunity. The pupils will only access VR experiences that have been agreed by the school and are suitable for their age. They will not engage with any activities that have access to the internet.

We very much look forward to opening the VR world to our Broadstone Middle School pupils...who knows what is round the corner!

Yours sincerely,



Danielle Goulding
Director of Curriculum



Jon Rose
IT Systems Manager



BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL REPLY SLIP

Re: Centre VR Visit

Pupil's Name: Class:

I give permission for my child to take part in the visit to Centre VR.

I agree to make a voluntary contribution via ParentPay in the sum of £11.00 by Friday 21st June 2019

I do not agree to make a voluntary contribution and will contact and will contact the Head of Year by date 5 days earlier than reply slip payment in writing.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Please return to the School Office by Friday 21st June 2019