



24 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Education Behind Bars – History and Philosophy and Religion trip to Shepton Mallet Prison Tuesday 02 June / Wednesday 03 June / Friday 05 June (*exact date for your student communicated in individual email home to parents*)

- Year 10 History and P&R students have the exciting new opportunity to visit Shepton Mallet Prison for the day to explore the justice system and the history of the prison. The trip will include a tour of the prison, the opportunity to speak to ex-prison officers, an escape room activity and the chance to debate the effectiveness of imprisonment as a form of punishment and rehabilitation.
- Students should wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch.
- **Departure time is 9.00 am** prompt – please be in the coach park for normal tutor time: 8:45 am to be registered and board the coach in plenty of time.
- Return time approx. 3.00 pm – ready for the end of the school day and normal travel home.

The total cost of the trip, including ticket and transport is **£33.00 per student**. Please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system **by Friday 8th May 2026** to give your consent and make payment.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or is Pupil Premium, financial assistance is available, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net. Should you have any queries regarding ParentPay again please contact the Finance Team.

Yours sincerely

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