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Dear Parents

The Sociology Department will be running a trip on **Tuesday 8th February** to Shrewsbury Prison (a previous Category B/C prison that closed in 2013) as part of our study into Crime and Deviance.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a unique insight into prison life. The day involves a tour of the establishment and the sites history. Students will then take part in a workshop tailored to our specification, looking at areas such as how people end up in prison, what they can expect from their time inside and the impact of offending on victims, families, communities and themselves. Whilst visiting the prison students will have the opportunity to partake in a 'closed cell' experience, which involves entering cells and having the doors closed behind them, to fully experience what it would have been like for a prisoner. Students can omit this activity if they do not feel comfortable.

We will be travelling to Shrewsbury on a direct train from Manchester Piccadilly at 9.30am. Students will therefore need to meet staff at 9am at the main entrance to the station. On arrival in Shrewsbury, the prison is only a 2- minute walk from the station. Students should bring a packed lunch with them as we will have a lunch break whilst at the prison. The prison experience will last approximately 3 hours and there will be some free time after this (around 45 minutes) for students to explore Shrewsbury in small groups before our train home. We are expected back at Manchester Piccadilly at 16.13.

Please note that consent for this trip includes permission for students to make their own way to and from Manchester Piccadilly train station.

The cost of the trip is £40. Our preferred method of payment is parent pay which can be accessed through the school website. We need to confirm places and book train tickets as soon as possible - I would therefore be grateful if payments could be made by **Friday 14th January**.

Your sincerely

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Head of Sociology



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