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21st Century Pilgrimage at Canterbury Tales

The Canterbury Tales visitor attraction is staging a fun quiz trail for all members of the family during half term week **Saturday 13th – Sunday 21st February**. The award winning attraction is taking items that 21st century pilgrims would not leave home without and is placing them amongst Chaucer's merry band of 14th century pilgrims.

The Canterbury Tales is an experience based on the sights, smells and sounds of the 14th century. The attraction takes visitors on a unique journey as they embark from The Tabard Inn in London to the shrine of St. Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral, on a pilgrimage in the company of Geoffrey Chaucer and his band of pilgrims. The Canterbury Tales brings to life five of Chaucer's best loved Canterbury Tales in an accessible, fun and educational manner, and for this February Half Term, it will be adding a touch of the 21st Century!

The attraction is an entertaining and enjoyable visit for the whole family as well as being an excellent introduction to life in medieval Canterbury and the work of one of England's greatest literary artists. Inside the historic building of St. Margaret's Church, visitors can step back in time and experience medieval Canterbury, and meet Geoffrey Chaucer and his colourful characters as they journey from London to Canterbury. It is widely believed that Chaucer's pilgrims followed the line of the Roman road Watling Street today largely the route of the A2 / M2. For the Half Term period, the visitor attraction has hidden a number of items which would be used by modern day Pilgrims and are inviting visitors to see if they can spot all 10. These range from an OS map to a Mars Bar, all modern day tools and accessories the 21st century pilgrim would use if making a similar journey.

Steve Beer, Manager of the attraction, commented: "We thought for this Half Term we would add a little modern day fun. We have quiz sheets available at our reception desk when you first enter for those who would like to take part. We have hidden 10 different modern day items throughout the different scenes of our Canterbury Tales. All those who successfully find ten will enter a raffle for a star prize which includes tickets to a whole host of other tourist attractions - so the winner can take part in their very own mini

pilgrimage around Kent! We're always looking at ways we can try and make learning about Chaucer as fun as possible, and we think by running this quiz, youngsters will be able to identify even more with what going on a pilgrimage might entail'.

Entry to the quiz is included in the ticket price to The Canterbury Tales.

Please visit **www.canterburytales.org.uk** or call **01227 479227** for further information.

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