



Dear Parents/Guardians

December 2024

Year 8 Marwell Zoo Visit

The Geography Department has organised a visit for Year 8 pupils to **Marwell Zoo** on either Thursday 16th or Tuesday 21st January 2025 (exact students on each day will be confirmed when final numbers are in).

The visit is taking place on a day when students have Geography and will coincide with the teaching of a unit on World Environments in Geography lessons.

During their visit pupils will follow the 'Adaptation Trail' which will guide them on a journey of discovery around the zoo. They will find out more about how different animals are suited to their environment. In addition, students will be examining the impact of the zoo as a tourist attraction and practicing GCSE fieldwork techniques. Pupils will be provided with tailored activity booklets to supplement their learning in lessons.

The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 16th January and Tuesday 21st January – students only attend one visit

Venue: Marwell Zoo

Meeting time and place: Front of school 9:50am

Transport: Minibus

Return time and place: 2.55pm Traffic dependant front of school

Pupils will be expected to attend registration and period 1 but will not need to wear school uniform; however appropriate clothing should be worn. The site is very exposed and we will be outside for the majority of the day so winter wet weather wear should be worn. Your son/daughter will require a packed lunch and a drink.

Please make payment and complete the consent form on ParentMail by 3pm on **Monday 16th December 2024**. After this date applications will automatically close.

We request that parents who are able to do so make a voluntary contribution of **£12.50** towards the costs incurred by the college in running this trip/activity. Payment can be made on ParentMail. Please be aware that if voluntary contributions received are not enough to fund the trip then it may not be possible for it to go ahead. However, if sufficient contributions are received then all (relevant group of pupils) will be entitled to take part (behaviour permitting), whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The college reserve the right to withdraw a student from this event if behaviour in college, or on previous activities, has not been satisfactory. In line with college policy, funding is available for Pupil Premium students to receive up to a 50% reduction in the cost of curriculum and extra-curricular day activities.

Places on the trip are limited, should the number of students exceed the number of places, names will be drawn out of a hat and those not chosen will be placed on a reserve list.

Yours sincerely

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