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May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### Science trip to Chester Zoo – Friday 3 July 2026

As part of Activities Week, the Science Department will be taking all Year 8 students on a trip to Chester Zoo on Friday 3 July 2026.

This visit has been carefully planned to inspire students and deepen their understanding of key areas within the KS3 Science curriculum. It will complement our Ecosystems Day on Thursday 2 July 2026, during which students will explore a specific ecosystem, including animal adaptations and threats to biodiversity. The zoo visit will provide a valuable opportunity for students to apply and further develop the knowledge and skills gained through this work.

We hope that all Year 8 students will take up this opportunity. However, if for any reason your child/ward is unable to attend, they should attend school as normal. As it is Activities Week, students will not follow their usual timetable but will instead complete activities linked to the work of the zoo and/or join activities with another year group.

We will travel to and from Chester Zoo by coach, leaving school at 9.10am and returning at approximately 3.30pm.

The cost of the trip is £22, which covers return coach travel, entrance fees, staffing and administration costs. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, or sufficient money to purchase food and drinks from one of the cafés at the zoo. If your child/ward is entitled to free school meals, a free “grab bag” lunch may be ordered from the canteen the day before the trip for collection from 8.00am on the morning of departure. Grab bags may also be ordered to purchase.

If your child/ward holds a valid zoo membership, we are able to offer the trip at the reduced cost of £8 per student, covering transport and administration expenses only. To access this discounted rate, please email photographic proof of the membership card to [mwoods@wks.net](mailto:mwoods@wks.net). Once received, the reduced payment option will be made available on SCOPAY. **Please note that students using this option must bring their valid membership card with them on the day of the trip.**

Please make payment via the SCOPAY online payment system by Monday 8 June 2026. If payment is likely to cause financial difficulty, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence via [office@wks.net](mailto:office@wks.net).

Your online payment will serve as both consent for your child/ward to attend the trip and confirmation that your emergency contact details are up to date. Contact details can be checked and updated via the Arbor app. Please ensure that any additional medical or relevant information is communicated directly to me before the visit.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr M Woods**  
Head of Science

*The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the School will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.*