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April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Science trip to Chester Zoo - Thursday 4 July 2024

As a part of activities week, the Science department are taking all Year 8 students to attend a workshop at Chester Zoo on Thursday 4 July 2024.

Workshops at Chester Zoo are designed to inspire students and encourage them to extend their thinking around specific topic areas of the KS3 specification. As a part of the workshop, students will investigate the threats to biodiversity; learn more about the species that are affected and the role of a modern zoo in the 21st century to help conserve them, through education work, breeding programs and in-situ conservation. Using case studies from Chester Zoo's species and conservation programs, students will look in detail at the Illegal Wildlife Trade and the threats posed by the production of Palm Oil.

There will be an opportunity for time either side of the workshops for students to explore the zoo in small groups accompanied by a member of staff.

Students will apply the knowledge and skills they have developed in the workshop and during their visit to the Zoo as a part of our Year 8 Ecosystems Day in school the following day on Friday 5 July.

We hope that all Year 8 students will take up this opportunity but if, for any reason, your child/ward cannot take part, they should attend school as normal. As it is Activities Week, they will not follow their normal timetable, but will be provided with some activities to complete that will offer some insight into the work of the zoo and will join in activities with another year group.

We will be travelling to and from the venue by coach, leaving school at 9.10am and returning to School at approximately 3.30pm. The cost of the trip is £23 which will cover return coach travel, entrance charges, workshop fees, staffing and administration costs. Students will need to bring a packed lunch or sufficient money to purchase food at the café. If your child/ward is entitled to free school meals, a 'grab-bag' can be ordered the day before the trip from the canteen for collection from 8.00am on the day of the trip. 'Grab-bags' may also be ordered to purchase.

Please pay online, by Wednesday 22 May 2024, via the SCOPAY online payment system (if this is likely to cause any financial difficulties, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence by email to office@wkgs.net). Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate addition information directly to me (staff organising trip).

Yours faithfully,

M Woods

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.