



EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

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13th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Zoo Trip

The science department at Great Marlow are delighted to offer Year 8 students a trip to Whipsnade Zoo in the summer term. The visit is open to all Year 8 students and will take place on **Thursday 10th July 2025**.

The aim of the trip is to encourage our students to develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about the world around them. In addition to this, the zoo provides an alternative learning environment giving the students an opportunity to develop real life links to their curriculum.

Whipsnade Zoo offers all students a chance to study a wide variety of animals, see conservation in action and take part in an education session. On returning to school, students will be well informed and empowered to evaluate the role of the zoo in conservation and in the prevention of wild animals becoming extinct.

Date: Thursday 10th July 2025

Time: 8.35 am – 3 pm

Location: Whipsnade Zoo, Dunstable, LU6 2LF

Clothing: Full school uniform

Equipment: Packed lunch and snacks, full water bottle

Cost: We do ask for a voluntary contribution of **£23.50** towards the transport cost and zoo entry. No student will be treated any differently should a parent / carer be unwilling or unable to pay. However, the trip may be unable to go ahead if we do not receive enough contributions.

Outline of the day:

The journey to the zoo will take around 1 hour.

Students will remain in small groups accompanied by a member of GMS staff whilst walking round the zoo. Students will have around 4 hours to explore the zoo.

There are various enclosures at the zoo and a wide variety of wildlife, more information can be found [here](#).

Coach journey back to school: estimated arrival by 3 pm but please be prepared to make alternative collection arrangements in the case of a transport delay on the return trip.

The students will be representing the school throughout the school trip and are therefore expected to always display respect, readiness and responsibility. In the unlikely event that a student does not meet our expectations, sanctions will follow.

To secure your child's place on the trip, please log in to WisePay to pay any voluntary contribution and to complete the MS Consent Form by Monday 28th April. If this deadline is missed, your child will not be able to attend the trip.

If you have any further questions, please contact twoods@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,
Miss Toni Woods
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