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1 November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 – Sea Life Centre London Aquarium & River Thames Cruise – Thursday 8 December 2022

In order to enrich the Geography curriculum and support the teaching of our oceans unit, the Wildern School Geography Department has organised a trip to London. This trip will visit the Sea Life Centre where students will be able to explore the exhibitions and further their knowledge on topics such as coral bleaching, plastic pollution and overfishing that we study during KS3. Before visiting the Sea Life Centre, students will also be taken on board a River Thames 45 minute Circular River cruise, exploring London by boat.

The trip will take place on **Thursday 8 December 2022**. The cost will be **£35.00** per student. This is to cover the coach hire and the tickets for the Sea Life Centre and River Thames cruise. Students will be supervised by members of the Geography Department at all times. **All students will require a packed lunch and a water bottle.** If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them.

Students will be representing the school on this trip so the highest standards of behaviour will be expected. Students are required to wear school uniforms. Due to the timing and nature of the trip, it is extremely important that students bring warm/waterproof clothing. We will be travelling by boat during December, so gloves/hats should be considered.

The coach will leave Wildern School promptly at 7.45am and will return by coach at approximately 5.30pm. **We ask your son/daughter to be at school at 7:30am to meet the coach.**

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your son/daughter to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your son or daughter, the cost of this trip will be covered. If this is the case, your Parentpay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through Parentpay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent forms accompanied by a payment of £35.00 by Monday 14 November 2022.

There are **60 places** on this trip. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on geography trips previously due to oversubscription and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated you will be informed and any monies received will be returned.

Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team therefore reserves the right to refuse or withdraw a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Ware
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