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19 March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 9 - Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew- Tuesday 14 May 2024**

The Science department would like to offer your child the opportunity to visit the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. The trip includes entry to the gardens and a 45 minute workshop, focussing on the photosynthesis and Gas Exchange. The aim of the trip is to provide students with the opportunity to discover the complex way plants have adapted to cope with limiting factors such as temperature and the effect of these on photosynthesis and gas exchange.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 14 May 2024. Students will meet at 8.00am in front of the swimming pool by the coach. Students will travel by coach and will leave school promptly at 8.15am and return at approximately 4:30pm (we will be aiming to leave Kew Gardens at 2:45pm).

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 uniform, but due to the large amount of walking, they are permitted to wear trainers.

The cost of a place on the trip is £33.00 which covers entry to Kew Gardens, the workshop and coach hire costs.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your ParentPay account to give consent for your child 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](mailto:finance@wildern.org).

**If you would like your child to attend please complete the online ParentPay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £33.00 by Monday 15 April 2024.**

There are 60 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on 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, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Photographs and updates from this trip will be put on the Schools 'Wildern Trip' accounts: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

**Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.**

Yours sincerely

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