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8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers

### **Triple Science and Animal Care Trip to Chester Zoo**

We are very pleased to be able to offer an exciting trip to Chester Zoo for our year 10 Triple Science and Animal Care students to enhance their learning and offer them insight to careers in these subjects. This trip will be taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, leaving at 6.45 am and returning at approximately 7.00pm. Students will need to bring sensible footwear and an outdoor coat as much of the site is outdoors. There is the option of purchasing food at Chester Zoo and also areas for them to eat a packed lunch if they would prefer to bring their own food. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with lunch. The finer details of the day will be outlined in a letter closer to the time as a reminder and to ensure that it is the most up to date information.

Our Animal Care students will be taking part in the Animal Health and Well-being workshop. This will support their learning and form part of an assessment looking at animal welfare.

Our Triple Science students will be taking part in 2 shorter workshops: the first will be looking at Evolution and the second will be looking at Conservation at Chester Zoo, which is the basis of a large topic in the Biology 2 exam paper, with emphasis on maintaining biodiversity to support all life on Earth. These are both led by the zoo staff and may use live animals.

If your child does BTEC Animal Care and Triple Science as part of their options, they will be following the Animal Care schedule during the trip as this is important for one of their assignments. More information on these workshops can be found on the Chester Zoo website.

The cost of the trip is £35.50 per person for Triple Science students and £33.00 for Animal Care student. The finance team should have assigned the correct amount for payment on Parent Pay for your child. This covers transport, zoo entry and the workshops. We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution to cover the amount. Although a lack of contribution will not preclude any student from going on the visit, it will not be possible to run the trip if insufficient voluntary contributions are received. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be fully funded for this.

**Please note that poor behaviour and/or poor attendance prior to the event may prevent your child from going on the trip and in which case no monies paid will be refunded.**

NEXT STEPS:

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please:

1. give permission by filling out the secure online Google Form via the link below and
2. completing payment on Parent Pay by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

<https://forms.gle/no6uH6hkNnk4ihyo9>

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact Miss Harold via [admin@gvsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@gvsc.org.uk).

Yours faithfully



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