

29th March 2023

Dear parents and carers

Triple Science and Animal Care Trip to Chester Zoo 27th April 2023

We are very excited that the trip to Chester Zoo is fast approaching for our year 10 Triple Science and Animal Care students to enhance their learning and offer them insight to careers in these subjects.

This letter is to remind you that the trip will be taking place on 27th April 2023, leaving at 7.00am and returning at approximately 7.00pm. Students should arrive at school in the staff car park at 6.45am and we will confirm a more definitive pick up time at a suitable point on the return journey. Please ensure that you are on time to pick up your child promptly.

Students will be allowed to wear non-uniform but they 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 a packed lunch.

Our Animal Care students will be taking part in the Animal Health and Husbandry workshop. This will support their learning and form part of an assessment looking at animal housing and accommodation.

Our Triple Science students will be taking part in 2 shorter workshops: the first 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; the second workshop will have more of a careers' focus looking at how the staff at the zoo study primate behaviour.

The itinerary for the day for each group has been placed on Google Classroom and discussed with the students. Students will need to bring a face mask if they wish to enter some of the animal enclosures, a pen to write with and their own hand sanitiser, if they prefer.

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.

If you need to update us with new medical information or contact details, please complete the secure online Google Form via the link below.

<https://forms.gle/no6uH6hkNnk4ihyo9>

Please can you ensure that any prescribed medication needed by your child during the trip has been clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage. This should be handed to a member of staff for safe keeping.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact Miss Harold via admin@gvsc.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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