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Dear Parent/Carer

### A Level Biology Trip to London Zoo - 12 July 2021

With the opening of sites, we have taken the opportunity to offer a trip to our Year 12 biologists. London Zoo not only offers a vision of a modern zoo and their role in conservation of biodiversity, but also the historical nature and role of the zoo as part of London and our ever-changing relationship with the natural world.

During the visit students will be able to use the information at each of the enclosures to contextualise learning from their A Level course, in particular, unit 4 and unit 7. Alongside being able to spend a couple of hours with the animals we will also be able to listen to a talk by the resident scientists at ZSL about their conservation work. For some the role of zoos is controversial so being able to hear and potentially challenge the work that London Zoo is part of is a fantastic opportunity. We expect all students to attend, with the exception of those that have arranged face to face work experience already.

We have made the decision to hire a coach, which has been added to the upfront cost, as we felt this was the most appropriate way to travel given the current situation.

Students should arrive at school **by 8:00am** in the Sixth Form common room. They will need appropriate clothing for the weather and being predominantly outside. They should also bring lunch, snacks and drinks because not only are they very expensive at the zoo, there will be very limited time during the day for purchasing food.

We aim to leave the zoo **at 1:30pm** and so should arrive back at school at **3:00pm** approximately. Students will be asked to go around the zoo in groups of at least four students and, obviously, they will be expected to conduct themselves around the zoo as ambassadors for the whole school.

The cost of the trip is **£25.00** and includes the return journey by coach, entry to the Zoo and the Zoo's Conservation Workshop. We will be collecting parental consent and payments online. To make your payment and to give consent, please go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and choose the service called '**A Level Biology Trip to London Zoo - 12 July 2021**'. You will be unable to complete the transaction until you have clicked on the 'consent box'.

Yours sincerely

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