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Date: 10 September 2026

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**Dear Parent/Carer,**

I am delighted to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to attend a visit to **Chester Zoo on Tuesday 20 October 2026**.

This educational visit has been planned as part of the curriculum for **Art, Science and English** and has been designed to provide students with inspiration for future careers and further education opportunities. During the day, students will complete an activity booklet while exploring the zoo and participating in a range of educational tasks. Following the visit, students will complete an art project in school based on their experiences and observations from the trip.

Travel will be by coach to and from Chester Zoo. The coach will depart from school at approximately **9:00am** and will return before the end of the school day. Students must wear **full school uniform**, bring a **packed lunch**, and we strongly recommend that they bring a suitable **waterproof coat or jacket**, as they will be outdoors for much of the day. Those that are eligible for free school meals will have a grab bag of lunch allocated to them. Please ensure that students have drinks and snacks as well, and some spending money if needed.

Please remind your child that they must **not feed any of the animals** under any circumstances. The animals at Chester Zoo follow carefully managed specialised diets, and inappropriate food may cause serious harm to their health.

As this is an important educational visit, the school has heavily subsidised the cost. ***The parental contribution for the trip/visit, including transport, is £10, which represents extremely good value for the visit. If you have any difficulties affording the trip or making payments please contact the school office, Mr Neal or Mrs Hazlehurst.***

**To give permission for your child to attend, please complete the consent on Gateway by Friday 9 October 2026**.

***Should you need to cancel your child's place on a school trip, please let us know as soon as possible. Where possible we will refund monies, you have contributed for a trip, particularly if we are able to find another child to take your child's place, but please bear in mind that this is not always possible.*** **Please note this trip is planned to ensure all Year 9 students have the opportunity to attend.**

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***If we cannot fill the place, you will be liable for the costs of the trip already committed to by the School. Cancellations made within a month of a UK trip, or within two months of a trip abroad, are too late for us to seek another pupil to fill the place and therefore we will not be able to refund monies unless there are extenuating circumstances.***

Please also remember that participation in any school trip is subject to your child's continued good behaviour. In exceptional circumstances, a place on the visit may be withdrawn.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mrs R Hazlehurst**
**Curriculum Leader for Art and Technology**