



6 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an International School we want to provide opportunities for all of our students to experience the world in different ways. We therefore, would like all of our Year 7 students to enjoy a trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens. This will enable them to get a taste of different natural environments e.g. rainforests and deserts in the glasshouses. Students will take part in a rainforest challenge and animal handling experience run by the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Students will be briefed both before the day and at the start of the day on the health and safety arrangements.

The trip will run over three days and students will attend with their Tutors in their Colleges. This is also an opportunity for the students to build relationships within their Tutor Group.

Monday 7 October 2024 – Blackdown and Binswood (BD01, BD02, BW01 and BW02)

Tuesday 8 October 2024 - Park and Manor (PK01, PK02, MR01, MR02)

Wednesday 9 October 2024 - Croft – (CT01 and CT02)

The suggested per student contribution is £21 to cover the cost of transport and entry to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. This contribution is payable via ParentPay and is required by Monday 30 September. In order for the trip to go ahead, it is essential that sufficient contributions are received to cover the full cost. Please note that once you have committed to a trip all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

Students can wear their own clothes, which must be suitable for an outdoor environment. They will need to take a packed lunch. Packed lunches will be provided for students on Free School Meals and will be available for collection on the morning of the visit, please email me by Monday 30 September at rharding@northleamington.co.uk if you would like a Free School Meal provided.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items. Students may take mobile phones but these must stay in their bags at all times (including on the coach) unless they need them in the very unlikely case of an emergency.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found and in this instance a refund will be issued minus any deposit paid.

We intend to leave school at 8.45 am and therefore students will need to be in school by 8.30 am. We will then travel by coach to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Anticipated time for leaving is 2pm and therefore we should return to school by 3.15pm.

In order for your child to attend you need to give permission via ParentPay. Please fill in all the required details on ParentPay by Monday 30 September.

Yours sincerely

R Harding (International Schools Coordinator)