

YEAR 7 - NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND LONDON EYE - Tuesday 21st October: 07.45am – 18.30pm

Dear Parent/Carer ,

The geography department are arranging a **trip for any Year 7** students that are interested, to experience the excitement of London! We will be visiting the Natural History Museum; especially to enjoy the Restless Earth exhibition and then on to London's most famous and most visited attraction - the London Eye, where we can see the development of the city, the amazing views of the Thames and famous architecture. The trip will take place on **Tuesday 21st October 2025**. The coaches will be **leaving from school promptly by 8am**. Students will need to **arrive and register with staff in the canteen by 7.45am**. **Please consider how your child will get to school by 7.45am, as we must leave Willingdon before the school buses arrive.**

We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 6.30pm. Students may take their phones to use on the coach though they will be asked to put them away when we are walking. Students are expected to wear their school PE kit so that they are easily identifiable and comfortable for walking. A packed lunch will be required. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate this on the Google form. Please ask them to bring a refillable water bottle.

The trip will provide the students with an invaluable insight into the understanding of the world around them and give them the opportunity to see casts of the Pompeii victims among many other amazing exhibits! We will use this unique opportunity to engage students in learning about urban environments and seeing London from its very best viewpoint at the top of the London Eye! The cost for the whole trip is **£43.00**, which covers all travel and venue costs.

There are 92 seats available on two coaches. Payment for the trip will secure your child's place and this must be received via ParentPay **by Friday, 10th October**. Spaces remaining are indicated on ParentPay accounts, and **when all seats are filled, ParentPay will be closed**. We do not want finance to be a barrier to interested students, so if you envisage any difficulties with payment, please contact me directly as soon as possible using the email address below. **ParentPay will open for payments on Monday, 15th September at approx. 15.00pm.**

Costs are based entirely on numbers - to keep the costs affordable we have booked two coaches and hope to fill every seat. Should that happen and should there still be students that want to go, please email me directly and I will collate a reserve list for a second trip later in the year if there is enough interest from other students.

All students attending the trip must have a completed Google form **in addition** to the ParentPay details entered and this needs completing **by Friday, 10th October. Please find the link here [NHM Museum Google Form](#)**. This is for various permissions and to ensure that the school holds up to date medical records. If your child will be getting home by any other means than parent collection, then please indicate that on the Google form. **We will not allow students to go home with their friends or with other parents unless written consent is received regarding the named person collecting the student.**

If your child suffers with travel sickness that requires medication not currently held in school, they will need to take the medicine **before they travel in the morning** and you will need to provide the medication in a named box, to be administered by a member of staff, before we travel back. If any medication is required, we need a completed medical consent form to match your child's medication **Please find the link here [Medicine - Parent Consent Form](#)**. Students with asthma need to carry their own inhalers with them. Students who require auto injector pens need to also carry their own.

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour / attendance does not reach our expected high standards. This will not necessarily include a refund as purchases may have already been made.

Kind regards,

Mrs L. Collins – HoD

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Key details reminder:

Date of trip: Tuesday 21st October 2025

Register time at school: 7.45am

Location to meet: Canteen

Expected time return: 6.30pm

London locations: Natural History Museum and London Eye

Parent Pay opens for payment on: Monday 15th September

All payments to be received by: Friday 10th October

Requirements for travel: Google form must be completed

Medication forms completed

Contact for queries: lcollins@willingdonschool.org.uk

If you find that you are unable to book via ParentPay or that the trip is not appearing, it is most likely that there are NO spaces remaining. If your child still wishes to go on this trip, then please contact Mrs Collins to go on to the reserve list for a possible second trip later in the year. This will be booked if there are enough interested students to fill a coach.