



Willingdon

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

YEAR 7 - NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND LONDON EYE

Wednesday 8th November: 07.45am – 18.30pm

October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are arranging a **trip for Year 7** students to experience the excitement of London! We will be visiting the Natural History Museum; particularly to enjoy the Restless Earth exhibition and 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 Wednesday 8th November. The coaches will be **leaving from school promptly at 8:00am**, so students will need to arrive and register with staff in the canteen at **07.45am**. Please consider how your child will get to school, as the coaches have to leave Willingdon **before** the school buses arrive.

We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 18.30pm. 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 of the named person collecting the student.** Students may take their phones to use on the coach though they will be asked to put them away when we are walking and studying.

Students are expected to wear their school PE kit so that they are easily identifiable and so that they have comfortable walking shoes for the museum. A packed lunch will be required. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate this on the Google Form and this can be collected before we depart. Please ask them to bring a refillable water bottle.

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 medication is required, we need a completed medical consent form to match your child's medication (this can be requested from student support). Students with asthma should carry their inhalers with them. Students who require auto injector pens should also carry their own.

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 **£41.00**, which covers all travel and venue costs. To confirm your child's place on the trip would you kindly complete the Google Form, link below, as early as possible and pay via ParentPay by the end of this half term (20th October 2023). The payment will secure your child's place on the coach and the trip will operate on a first come first served basis.

[Natural History Museum - Google Form](#)

There has already been enormous interest registered in the trip so we do anticipate that there may be more interest than coaches are available for this date. We are in discussion with the coach company over a second date in term 3 or 4. If you are unable to secure your child's place on this November visit, via ParentPay, please email bmarshall@willingdonschool.org.uk who will collate all the names of interested students for a second date.

We do not want finance to be a barrier to interested students, so if you envisage any difficulties in completing the form or payment by 20th October, please contact Mrs L. Collins collins@willingdonschool.org.uk.

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.

The school holds a current medical consent form on behalf of your child and you will need to confirm that this is up to date on the Google Form also.

Kind regards
Mrs L. Collins - HoD