



September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Trip to the Natural History Museum – 14 November 2019

As part of the Extended Learning Day taking place on Thursday 14 November, we are delighted to offer a day trip to the Natural History Museum, where students will explore and discover key topics linked to the Key Stage 3 Curriculum.

We propose to use this unique day to take every student in the entire year group to the Museum. The trip is a valuable opportunity for students to see many dynamic, up-to-date, interactive exhibitions, which complement and enhance the understanding of the Natural World, as well as supporting studies in Humanities and Science.

Through dramatic film footage, exhibits, interactive games and the famous earthquake simulator, students will explore how the powers within shape the world in which we live. Students will also have the opportunity to examine fossils from a time when all Earth's continents were joined, and the animals that evolved after the continents separated. Students will also get the opportunity to explore the world-famous dinosaur exhibition and discover the facts and myths about their extinction.

The cost of this trip is £9.50. Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School), by Friday 25 October. Please note that if payment is made by WisePay, a completed permission slip is not required. If paying by cheque, please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the staffroom. Payments are non-refundable.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary, but if contributions are insufficient, the trip may have to be cancelled. No student will be denied participation in the trip because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs Amamou in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Friday 11 October at the latest.

Students should arrive at school for **registration at 8.15am**, as the coaches will depart promptly at 8.45am. We plan to return at around 3.30pm, depending on traffic.

Students are required to wear school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch. Pens/pencils are required as students will be completing guided trails during the day. There is a shop at the museum where students may wish to purchase gifts, however students will be expected to take responsibility for any money or valuables that they bring with them.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Kirk
Head of Humanities

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Name of Student: _____ Form : _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the trip to the Natural History Museum on 14 November 2019

I enclose a cheque for £9.50 (payable to Ashlyns School)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____