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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Spark Year 8 students visit to Bristol Zoo Project

I am pleased to inform you that, as part of the Science Faculties Enrichment program, your child has been offered the exciting opportunity to attend an educational visit to The Bristol Zoo Project. The purpose of this is to foster a deeper understanding of how Science can be used in a wider context.

Using Madagascar as a case-study, students explore the unique biodiversity of the world's fourth-largest island and explore issues relating to deforestation. The session will include an immersive trail through a Madagascan village. Students will also learn about the causes of habitat destruction and why some species are endangered.

The 40 Year 8 students invited have been recommended by the science department for showing their SPARK within science lessons, as well as receiving an abundance of positive points awarded, with minimal negative points from cautions or referrals within science lessons.

Transport from school to Bristol Zoo Project is via a coach which will leave at 9am and return at around 3pm on **Monday the 29th of September**. School staff will be accompanying the students on the coach and throughout the day. **Students will be required to bring their own lunch on the day and wear their normal school uniform**. If your child receives Free School Meals, we will provide lunch for them and we ask your child lets Nikki, restaurant manager, know of this in advance.

The cost of the trip has been subsidised by the Science Faculty and the school. For entry into The Bristol Zoo Project, the immersive experience and the coach to and from the venue, we ask if you would kindly make a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per student.

Please be aware that there are limited places on the trip. To confirm your child's place on this trip and for payment, please log into Parent Pay and complete the Medical and Emergency Contact details by **Monday the 22nd of September** as, without these, students will not be able to attend the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Wheatstone
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