



18 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Y12 Biology trip to Colchester Zoo**

I would like to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a trip to Colchester Zoo on Tuesday 17 May 2022, leaving school at 8:50am and returning by approximately 4:00pm.

Students will take part in a number of activities organised as part of the trip to help in their studies. The itinerary is as follows:

8:50am	leave St Martin's School
9:30am	arrive at Colchester Zoo and collect work packs based on animal behaviours and psychology
9:30-11:00am	free time around the zoo
11:00am	Workshop – Conservation and the role of zoos
12:00-3:15pm	free time around the zoo
3:15pm	return to the coach
4:00pm	approximate time of arrival at St Martin's School

There may be times during the trip when students are given free time. They should not go off on their own but should remain in small groups at all times. Staff will issue a contact number should any student become separated.

We will take a return coach trip to the zoo. As the trip will take place during the school day, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £18 to cover the expense of providing the off-site activity. It is not compulsory for students to take part in the visit but the experience will enhance their learning opportunities and provide examples to better understand the work being covered during lessons. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled.

I will be leading the trip accompanied by two other colleagues. If you are interested in your child participating, please complete the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements included. Please return the consent form to the finance office and make full payment via ParentPay by Monday 28 March 2022.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [showells@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:showells@st-martins.essex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Head of Sixth Form & Assistant Headteacher**

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