

FMA/MJM

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents

A study visit has been arranged for students in Year 9, leaving school at 8am on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and returning at approximately 3pm.

The aim of the trip is to inspire and enthuse Year 9 students in the pursuit of science at a higher level through attendance of a series of topical lectures at the Oxford University NHM and visit to both exhibitions at the Natural History Museum and the Pitt Rivers Museum. The Lectures are based on the application of familiar science to Christmas themes and are hosted by members of the University of Oxford scientists. They are held in a lecture theatre used by the university and it gives students a taste for both the application of their school learning to a new context, and what participation at tertiary level education could be like.

The museums offer the opportunity to view skeletons and exhibits of creatures long extinct and still in existence. There are plentiful opportunities to discuss aspects of natural selection and classification.

The cost of the trip is £22.50. Payment should be made online via ParentPay, where you will also be asked to complete your emergency contact details. Please contact the Finance Office for alternative methods of payment. If the trip is oversubscribed, names will be picked out at random.

We regret to say that if insufficient funds are received, the trip will have to be cancelled. We must also state that we would be unable to return any monies as a consequence of the late withdrawal of a student after money has been paid even if withdrawal is due to COVID.

You will need to arrange to collect your child from the Sheldon School layby at the stated time.

If your child is receiving medication or treatment for a medical condition at the time of the trip please could you indicate this on the notes section of ParentPay.

If the trip has to be cancelled by either us or the venue due to COVID restriction a full refund will be given.

Yours faithfully

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