



6th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Trip to Natural History Museum

I am very pleased to offer the opportunity for some of our Year 8 students to visit the Natural History Museum on 14th November 2023. Within the Year 8 Geography curriculum, students learn about the role of Tectonic Hazards in influencing economic and social development. The Natural History Museum has a fascinating exhibit exploring this and, of course, the many other exhibitions exploring the ecosystems and natural history of our planet.

Furthermore, we have secured a 'Meet the Scientist' presentation led by scientists who are employed by the Natural History Museum. This is a fantastic opportunity for youngsters to gain a better understanding of possible future career paths associated with geography and natural sciences.

Key trip details:

Date: 14th November 2023

Departure from Ely College: 8:30am

Return to Ely College: 5:00pm

Due to limited capacity at the event, I am only able to offer 45 places on this trip. However, in the event of more than 45 students expressing interest we will look at running the same trip on a number of occasions so that students don't miss out, if viable. Therefore, parents/carers who wish their children to participate should return the form below registering their interest and complete the 'Expression of Interest' on WisePay. **This will open at 9:30am on Monday 11th September and close at 2:30pm on Friday 15th September.** Once the closing date has passed, students will be randomly selected. Any unsuccessful students will be kept on a waiting list in the event of a withdrawal.

In order for this visit to take place, we ask you to make a contribution of £30. Although such a contribution is voluntary, we have no alternative source of funding. If sufficient contributions are not received to make the visit financially viable it will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. In cases of financial hardship, any requests for the contribution to be waived will be treated sympathetically; please contact the Principal in writing or by email. As this educational visit is taking place in school hours, we are not permitted by law (Education Act 1996) to exclude a student from such a visit whose parents choose not to contribute to the cost.

If you qualify for Pupil Premium Grant support (FSM students only) and would like to access some of this funding (50% of the cost) towards this trip, please tick the relevant box on the reply slip.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: dburke@elycollege.co.uk
Please complete WisePay 'Expression of Interest' and the reply slip below and return it to a Mr D Burke by **2:30pm on Friday 15th September** at the latest.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Burke
Geography Teacher

To: Mr D Burke (usually in Room D4)

Name of Student: Form: Geography group:

- ☐ I do/do not give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Year 8 Natural History Museum trip.
- ☐ I would like to register my interest to participate in the trip - should my child be selected I am prepared to voluntarily contribute the £30 trip cost.
- ☐ My son/daughter qualifies for FSM (PP) and I would like to access some of this funding towards this trip (50%).

Parent/Carer signed:

Name in capitals: Date: