



25th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Trip to Natural History Museum

Thank you for your expression of interest regarding the forthcoming Natural History Museum Trip. Due to the overwhelming request to be involved in the trip (originally planned for 45, yet 150 have expressed a wish to be included in the trip), a new plan is needed!

I am currently in the process of organising the trip to run on three occasions to ensure that all students who expressed an interest can attend. This is a balancing act between the availability of coaches, the Natural History Museum, and pre-arranged in-school activities. It is, therefore, probable that the trips will be slightly delayed and will occur between late-November 2023 and January 2024.

Furthermore, the Natural History Museum will only take bookings for events at the same time as payment.

Therefore, in order for this visit to take place, **we ask you to now make a contribution of £25.** 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 from such a visit students of parents choosing not to contribute to the cost.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: dburke@elycollege.co.uk. Please pay via WisePay 'Natural History Museum Trip' by **3pm on Monday 2nd October** at the latest. A 50% discount will be applied to Pupil Premium/FSM students only. There is no additional physical slip to submit as we will use your payment as your permission for your child to attend the trip.

Should, for any reason, the trip be unable to take place, **you will receive a full refund.**

Yours faithfully

Mr D Burke
Geography Teacher