THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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14th October 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 7 Geography & Careers Trip - Woburn Safari Park
Friday 16th April 2027

The Geography Department is excited to offer Year 7 students the opportunity to visit Woburn Safari Park for an engaging day that brings their learning about biomes to life beyond the classroom. During the visit, students will explore a variety of habitats and discover how animals and plants have adapted to survive in different environments around the world. Guided by the expertise of the Safari Park's Education Team, students will gain first-hand experience of the species they have been studying in lessons, while also reinforcing key concepts from both the Geography and Biology curricula.

In addition to the safari experience, students will take part in a specialist Vocational Topics session, also led by the Education Team. This interactive workshop will provide an insight into the wide range of careers involved in running a major visitor attraction, exploring areas such as customer service, marketing, education, conservation, animal welfare and business operations. The session aims to broaden students' understanding of the diverse career opportunities available within the industry, demonstrating that organisations such as Woburn Safari Park rely on many different professions beyond the traditional role of a Zookeeper.

The cost of this trip including transportation, entry fees and insurance is £30 (non refundable). If you would like your child to go on this trip, please secure their place by making payment, in full, via ParentMail by Sunday 1st November 2026.

To locate the trip in ParentMail, once logged in, from the main menu select Payments and you will find the trip listed here.

Should you have any issues accessing ParentMail, please contact our Finance Team by emailing finance@buckinghamschool.org.

There is unrestricted availability for this trip, therefore payment will secure your child's place, however you will be sent a Trip / Medical Consent Form via email from Buckinghamshire Council (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there) 21 days prior to the trip date; please ensure this is completed and submitted 7 days before the trip. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form.

Please ensure you also read the Parental Agreement that has been along with this letter. You will be asked to agree to this in the Trip / Medical Consent Form.

Students may wear their own clothing, appropriate for the weather on the day, with footwear suitable for walking a distance. They should bring a drink, a snack and a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them.

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Proposed Itinerary:

8:35am:	Students and staff meet and register in the Jubilee Hall.
9:00am:	Coach depart to Woburn
9:50am:	Register with Education Team
10:00am:	Drive-thru Safari in coach (with Safari Staff Guides aboard)
11:30am:	Arrive to Walking Zoo/Education Centre
11:45am - 2:00pm:	Student groups to alternate between having lunch, careers talk and walking trails.
2:00pm:	Depart for The Buckingham School

As we aim to return before the end of the school day, there will be no change to the usual end of day routines regarding students getting home.

Should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C McCullough
Geography Teacher
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