



# HEDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 7 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Hedingham Science department are delighted to invite your child to take part in a trip to Colchester Zoo on Friday 10 October. The purpose of this trip is to help grow the collective identity of year 7 as a cohort. This excursion adds a different dimension to their normal school day and is something to look forward to for all students in the year group. Staff supervising the trip will include the year 7 tutors and Mr Lockley.

We will leave school by 9am and travel by bus to the Zoo. Students will attend a short talk about endangered species and the conservation work carried out by the zoo and will also have plenty of time to look around in groups led by staff. We will return to school in time for the departure of buses at 3.25pm.

Students will need to wear school uniform but may wear trainers or comfortable footwear as they will be walking some distance. If rain is forecast a waterproof jacket will be required. Students will need to bring a packed lunch including some water.

The trip will cost £25.00 per pupil. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough students signing up to attend, we may have to make the difficult decision to cancel the trip. The school will provide financial support for those students eligible for free school meals. If you feel you are unable to pay, please contact me to arrange for a completely confidential conversation.

To gain a place and the payment details, we will need consent for your child to go on the trip and details of any allergies or medical conditions that apply to your son/daughter. The form will also ask if you have a gold or silver pass for the zoo which will help us with reducing the cost for those individuals. Please complete these details by following the link below by 17 September 2025.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XXG3zAdWgi>

Once the initial medical form is completed, the payment link will be made available to you. Payment should be made through ParentPay by 30 September 2025. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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