

19th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

RE: London Zoo Educational Visit

We are delighted to be able to offer an educational visit to London Zoo on 24th November 2021 for Year 13. This visit will include an educational talk about conservation.

The visit is directly linked to the specification content in Topic 5: On the Wild Side and will enhance and deepen students' knowledge of these aspects of the curriculum. Learning about our World and what we can do to play our part locally and globally in supporting nature and thus securing the future of the World, for this and future generations, is an integral part of both Societal and Global Thriving and thus very important for the holistic education and development of our students.

Students will travel independently to London Zoo to meet the teachers at the entrance at 10.30am precisely. Travel information can be found here :<https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/visitor-information/how-to-get-to-zsl-london-zoo> and is also attached to this letter.

After the visit, students will travel home again independently once dismissed by their teachers.

All students must give in a medical consent form to their teachers prior to the visit and students who fail to do so may not attend this visit. The medical forms will be available shortly on SharePoint and students will need to give in a hard copy prior to the day of the visit.

The purpose of the visit is for **learning** and students should bring note-taking materials (pad, pens etc) with them to the visit. Learning activities in addition to the conservation talk will be provided by school and will form an integral part of the day.

Students will not need to be in uniform for this visit as the nature of the visit is such that their school uniform is not appropriate clothing. Students must wear sensible clothing which covers them decently and is appropriate for the purpose of the visit. Students should think about the weather in advance and make sure they have cold weather or wet weather clothing with them on the day.

Students may bring packed lunches (recommended as food can be expensive at the zoo) or alternatively may bring money to buy food at the zoo.

Students must remember at all times that they are ambassadors for Upton Court Grammar School and must behave accordingly. The teachers will be on site throughout the visit and will expect students to check in with them at pre-arranged times.

The cost of this trip is £15. If students do not pay for their tickets then they will not be able to come on the visit and must instead remain in school on the day in normal lessons.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please make this clear on the reply slip below as financial assistance may be available.

Please fill in and return the slip and medical form to Mrs Upton by 14th November 2021. Please also make payment by this date.

In an attempt to remove the need for cash and cheques in school we are asking all parents to use Parent Pay as the e-payment method to pay for trips, books, equipment etc. If you already have a Parent Pay account you can simply log into that account.

Please make sure to enter your most up to date contact details and email address. Parent Pay holds an electronic record of your payments; we suggest the payment be done this way. Please do not hesitate to contact Student Services. If your child is in receipt of free school meals please indicate on the slip below as financial assistance may be available.

By consenting on Parent Pay you agree to make a voluntary contribution of £11.00 by 14th November 2021

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C. Upton
Director of Science and Head of Biology

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Pupil's name: _____ (please print)

Form Group: _____

In receipt of free school meals Yes/No

London Zoo Educational Visit 24th November 2021 £11

I have made a payment to Parent Pay for the amount I have indicated above

Travel Information:

Camden Town (16 mins / 0.8 miles walk from the Zoo)

Camden Town station (Northern Line) is the nearest Underground station to the Zoo.

[Camden Town to ZSL London Zoo walking route](#) (opens in Google maps).

Chalk Farm (18 mins / 0.9 miles walk)

Camden Town station can get extremely busy, especially at weekends. Chalk Farm (Northern Line) is an ideal alternative, approximately the same walking distance from the Zoo.

Chalk Farm station has lift access and this route offers a pleasant walking route through Primrose Hill's pretty residential streets and beside Primrose Hill park.

[Chalk Farm to ZSL London Zoo walking route](#) (opens in Google maps).

Baker Street (21 mins / 1.1 miles walk) / (14 mins via 274 bus)

Walking from Baker Street (Bakerloo, Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City Lines) is via Regent's Park.

Alternatively, take the 274 bus northbound, which leaves every 12 minutes.

[Baker Street to ZSL London Zoo route](#) (opens in Google maps).

Regent's Park (24 mins / 1.2 miles walk)

The Zoo is an easy walk from Regent's Park station (Bakerloo Line). Once out of the station and across Marylebone Road, the whole route is signposted and within leafy Regent's Park.

Alternatively, take the 88 bus northbound from nearby Albany Street (exit Regent's Park tube station to the right) to approximately halve the walking distance.

[Regent's Park station to ZSL London Zoo walking route](#) (opens in Google maps).

Nearest National Rail stations to ZSL London Zoo

Euston (Avanti West Coast, London North western Railway or London Overground).

If arriving at Euston, the fastest route to the Zoo is to take Northern Line tube from Euston to either Camden

Town or Chalk Farm. [Camden Town to ZSL London Zoo walking route](#) (opens in Google maps). [Chalk Farm to ZSL London Zoo walking route](#) (opens in Google maps).

Marylebone (Chiltern Trains)

From the main entrance of Marylebone Station walk left to Baker Street, then either follow Baker Street tube walking directions, or take the 274-bus northbound, which leaves every 12 minutes. [See map of 274 bus.](#)

By Bus

Buses that stop near the Zoo:

88: Northbound, towards Kentish Town: **Alight on Albany Street at Prince Albert Road.**

88: Southbound, towards Great Portland Street: **Get off on Albany Street at Regent's Park Barracks.**

These stops are just a few minutes' walk from the Zoo. [See map.](#)

274: Northbound and Southbound: Get off on Prince Albert Road at ZSL London Zoo. [See map.](#)

Plan your journey with the [TfL Journey Planner](#).