

Dear Parents,

21 March 2024

The Geography department is offering the opportunity for your son/daughter to visit Monks Brook River in Eastleigh, in order to collect primary data outside the college environment, which supports the unit of work we complete in Year 7 on River features and processes. The curriculum that we follow at Wyvern is enquiry based, and the experience of asking questions about a natural environment and then being able to collect their own data and see river features first hand, will be fantastic for students understanding of this subject.

The students will go out either in the morning or the afternoon of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. They will still attend normal lessons during the time they are in College. Students will be notified nearer the day which visit they will be going on.

The details are as follows:

- Date:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May (dependent on their Geography class)  
**Venue:** Monk's Brook River, Eastleigh  
**Transport:** Mini bus or coach  
**Timing:** Students will attend **either** a morning or afternoon session.  
Morning session: 9.00am – 11.20am  
Afternoon Session: 12.00 noon – 2.50pm

The morning visit will leave college after registration between 8.50am – 9.00am and return at approximately 11.20am for students to return to school in time for lesson 3.

The afternoon visit will depart by 12.00 noon and students should meet at the front of school during period 3 lesson and will return to school by 2.50pm.

If your son/daughter will be attending the afternoon session they will require a packed lunch and non-fizzy drink. The transport will be by mini-bus or coach and normal expectations apply in terms of behaviour. The aims for the day are to collect primary data from a river environment and learn about and enjoy the local landscape and work safely.

In order for us to achieve these it is important that students follow these guidelines:

- Listen carefully to group leaders instructions and follow them immediately at all times.
- Take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of those around you.

- Be polite and considerate to everyone including members of the public.
- Ensure all data collection is completed – this is the student’s responsibility.

As we will be out of college for part of the day we **will not** require the students to wear college uniform but sensible shoes, walking shoes or trainers should be worn. However, as the weather could be cool, wet or changeable we ask that all students have a waterproof coat and where possible wellies in a named bag so they can collect width and depth measurements from the river channel (water level is usually ankle deep). Please bring sun cream and hat if appropriate. It is essential that students do not arrive inadequately dressed, as they will be refused to attend the trip. Flip flops, vests and skirts are not appropriate and no offensive slogans or unreasonable clothing will be allowed.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip please complete the consent form found on ParentMail by 9am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We request that parents who are able to do so make a voluntary contribution of £5.50 towards the costs incurred by the college in running this trip/activity. Payment can be made on ParentMail.

Please be aware that if voluntary contributions received are not enough to fund the trip then it may not be possible for it go ahead. However, if sufficient contributions are received then all (relevant group of pupils) will be entitled to take part (behaviour permitting), whether or not their parents have made a contribution. Those students that are eligible to receive Pupil Premium will receive a 50% reduction in the cost of this trip.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, at that point all applications will be numbered and numbers will be drawn from a hat. Should your child be unsuccessful, payment will be returned. If a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the trip, including through illness, the parent/guardian will be liable for any charges the college incurs should a replacement not be found. Selection will also include consideration of a student’s behaviour and attendance. For example, students who are repeatedly truanting from lessons or failing to follow instructions in College, may not be deemed suitable for inclusion on certain visits or trips. As outlined in the visits and trips guidelines issued in September 2023.

Should you have any queries regarding this visit please do not hesitate to contact me either by email; [r.hounsome@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:r.hounsome@wyvern.hants.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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