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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Year 7 Whipsnade Zoo trip – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Southam College now that your child has joined us as part of our new Year 7 cohort. In order to further support your child's transition to secondary school we are pleased to offer a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. This will be an opportunity for the Year group to complete several team building activities, as well as socialise with their new year group and members of staff.

Students will be transported by coach, leaving school at 9am and returning at around 6pm. Students do not need to wear school uniform but should wear weather appropriate clothes and footwear suitable for a school trip. Please arrange for your child to be collected from school at 6pm and we'd be grateful if you could avoid parking in the bus bays.

The cost of the trip will be £22, which includes zoo entry, workshops and transport there and back. Payment should be made and consent given via ParentPay and we do not accept cash or cheques. You should have recently received login details for ParentPay so please ask your child for the letter. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Hill at [hill.e@stowevalley.com](mailto:hill.e@stowevalley.com), or call 01926 812560 and select Finance.

Should you wish for your child to take part, please ensure payment is made by Sunday 14th September 2025. No students will be accepted onto the trip after this deadline.

All students eligible for free school meals or Pupil Premium have an allowance of £120 per year to use against the cost of uniform or trips. If you would like to use your allowance against this trip, please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/EXdT8GK7mN> or scan the QR code below.

All payments are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled and the school is reimbursed or an individual cancelled place is taken up by another student. If the trip is oversubscribed, names will be drawn at random and payments will be returned to unsuccessful applicants.

We hope that this will be a very enjoyable, enriching and valuable experience for the students.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Johnson  
Assistant Headteacher

