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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Year 7 Whipsnade Zoo Trip – Wednesday 23rd September 2026

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 Wednesday 23rd September. 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.

We request a contribution of £25, 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. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Hill at hill.e@stowevalley.com, or call 01926 812560 and select Finance.

Payments should be made by Sunday 13th September. No students will be accepted onto the trip after this deadline.

All students eligible for Targeted 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 or scan the QR code below. [Pupil Premium Allowance - Y7 Whipsnade Zoo trip Sept 2026 – Fill in form](#)

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.

The itinerary for this trip is fixed and may be an intense experience for some pupils, as it involves off-site activities where options for adaptation can be limited. However, we welcome early conversations about any additional support or reasonable adjustments your child may need in order to take part.

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If you believe your child may require adjustments relating to supervision, environment or schedule, please contact me as soon as possible and before the sign-up deadline. Early discussion enables us to explore available options and plan support effectively.

We aim to work in partnership with families to make reasonable adjustments where possible, while also being clear that the nature of some activities may place practical limits on what can be changed at a later stage.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Johnson
Assistant Headteacher

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