

March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of Years 7 and 8,

**School Trip to Whipsnade Zoo - Year 7 and Year 8
Tuesday 15th July 2025**

As part of our commitment to 'Character Education' we want to ensure that every student attends at least two educational visits each year. These visits will offer our students a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom and further enrich their educational experience.

We have planned educational visits across each year group for every year that your child attends Laurel Park School and all students are expected to attend them. You will then be able to make payments across the year with all balances being paid by 30th June. If your family has any issues with making the payments, we have a small amount available to support you with them - please speak to your child's Raising Standards Lead if this affects you.

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 7 & 8 students the opportunity to visit Whipsnade Zoo on Tuesday 15th July 2025. We will leave school by coach at 8.30 am and return to school by approximately 4pm. Students will be able to explore a world of wildlife at the largest zoo in the UK. They will also be able to learn how the zoo helps protect the future of a wide range of endangered animals. Students are to bring with them a packed lunch for the day, those who are in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a lunch by the school.

The Cost

The cost of the trip is £25.50 in total, payable on Parentpay. A payment plan has been devised to support parents in paying for the trip with £15.50 due by Tuesday 15th April 2025 and the final £10 by Monday 30th June 2025.

If you are able to help part or fully fund another student in financial hardship for this trip, there is an option on Parentpay to make additional payments under Laurel Park School Hardship Fund.

On Educational Visits the school policy on Mobile Phones and electronic devices still applies, and they will be confiscated if seen or heard. Students are to wear their full LPS school uniform.

Please note that the school may remove a student from all, or some educational visits due to poor behaviour. In these circumstances a refund will not be given.

We hope that you agree that these educational visits provide your child with some amazing opportunities and experiences and we look forward to sharing with you the pictures of them via Instagram and our Newsletter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Nash & Mrs Tansley', with a small dot at the end.

Mrs Nash & Mrs Tansley
Raising Standards Lead

