

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear all,

**Year 8 Science Trip to Oxford University Museum of Natural History, The Pitt Rivers Museum, The History of Science Museum & The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Your child has an opportunity to go on an inspiring trip to visit Oxford University Museum of Natural History, The Pitt Rivers Museum, The History of Science Museum and the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. Whilst there, we will split into five groups, each spending time at the different museums. At appointed times, we will walk to the next.

In each of the museums, we will participate in self-guided tours; at the Ashmolean we will explore the Mummy collection from Ancient Egypt and see the fine art collection including paintings from Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Picasso. At the Pitt Rivers Museum, we will see exhibits from Oxford University's archaeological and anthropological collections. At the Oxford University Museum of Natural History we will explore exhibits focusing on the sciences of the natural environment, including what caused extinction to some. Finally, at the History of Science Museum, we will be looking at many artefacts to delve deeper into science, especially medicine.

Travel will be by coach, leaving school at **0700hrs**, and returning for **1800hrs**, traffic dependent. Your child can keep you updated on the day as to their expected time of arrival.

**Cost & Payment:**

We have limited places for this trip and will work on a first come, first serve basis. If your child would like to take part in this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£21.50** which is non-refundable, to cover the cost of travel. Payment should be made on the school's ParentPay system, where you can also give consent for your child to participate. **ParentPay will be open at 1830 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.** Late requests after this date will unfortunately not be accepted. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for a ParentPay activation letter.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are made, then it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead, and your monies returned. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but you have difficulty with making the contribution. The finance team can be contacted on [finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk)

Should your child not wish to attend this trip, they must still attend school. If your child is going to be absent, normal procedures for informing the school should be followed.

**Items to Take:**

Pupils are required to be in their school uniform for this trip. As we will not be in school, they need to bring an adequate amount of food for the day in an easy to carry bag. If your child is in receipt of the FSM provision, a packed lunch can be provided to them on request. You must email [smoon@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:smoon@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk) with this request by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Please note, there are no facilities at the museums for purchasing food. A suggested amount of £10 might be considered for pocket money to spend at any of the museums' gift shops.

**We will require some parental help for this trip to go ahead. If you could spare the time and wish to accompany us on this trip please email [khaylett@chichesetrfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:khaylett@chichesetrfreeschool.org.uk)**

Yours faithfully,

**Miss K Haylett**  
**Science Teacher**