St John Bosco
ARTS COLLEGE

September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer;

Your child is currently completing a geographical enquiry topic entitled 'To what extent are we responsible for protecting the world's ecosystems?'. As part of this enquiry, the department have arranged for Year 9 to visit Chester Zoo. The trip will run over three days from Monday, 12th October to Wednesday, 14th October, 2026 with two forms going each day. The dates and forms attending will be given nearer the time.

We will be departing on buses at 8.45 a.m. and leaving Chester Zoo at 2p.m. in order for pupils to get the school bus if required. This trip is **not compulsory** and your child can remain in school if they choose and will be in their lessons accordingly. Your child will not be required to wear their uniform for the trip. Please provide a packed lunch or money for your child to buy lunch. Pupils who receive free school meals can order a packed lunch to take by indicating on the reply slip.

Under the 1996 Education Act, the College requests a **payment of £20** if you wish your child to take part in this visit, which can be paid in installments. If your family is a member of Chester Zoo, this price will be reduced and your child must bring proof of Zoo membership to school and on the day. Please inform school if you are a member of Chester Zoo and we can adjust the price accordingly. You must pay for the trip online via www.parentpay.com. When on Parent Pay, you will be able to pay for the trip under the tab 'Payment Items'. If you have lost your original login details, please ask your child to visit the Finance Office to collect a new letter.

The visit will only take place if there are enough payments to make the trip possible otherwise the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be made. Please indicate your agreement to pay the £20 on the reply slip below.

Please complete and return the attached permission slip by **Monday, 28th September** to your child's Geography teacher. **Due to the terms and conditions of the zoo, we are unable to accept any other students on the trip after this date.**

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Armstrong

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Subject leader for Geography

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Please return to your Geography teacher. Year 9 Chester Zoo trip, October 2026

Student name: _____ Form: _____

1. I would like my child to attend the Chester Zoo trip ☐
2. I would like my child to remain in school ☐
3. I agree to pay the contribution of £20 towards the trip ☐
4. My child will require a free school meal ☐

Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical information: _____

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