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27th February 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

On the 21st March the school will be focused on the topic of wellbeing. Students across all year groups will be looking at a range of different topics through the day, both related to personal wellbeing and providing experiences and activities associated with wellbeing.

For Year 8 we have developed a range of outdoor learning experiences. These link not only to personal wellbeing but also environmental wellbeing. Outdoor learning is well recognised as having benefits for both the wellbeing of individuals and our environment. Indeed, you may be familiar with projects like forest schools which students may have experienced at primary school. It is expected that all students will be actively engaged in the day. To this end we have a range of activities which aim to cater for a variety of student interests. Please select from the options below – places on activities will be allocated on a first come basis:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
School based and local area activity	Slimbridge Wetland and Wildfowl Trust	Westonbirt Arboretum	West Midland Safari Park
Self-guided local walk activities Environmental site activities	WWT environment session Self-guided trails Environment activities	Environment activity challenges Tree Trail Self-guided walks	Safari Tour Animal experience Entry to leisure park (This trip returns to school at 4.30pm)
Cost - Nil	Cost - £8.70	Cost - £6.00	Cost - £17.90

All costs include coach travel.

The 1996 Education Act prevents schools from charging for activities such as this, although we are permitted to request voluntary contributions from parents. Please be aware that while we cannot charge for activities, we can only offer them if the full cost is raised from voluntary contribution. You are invited, therefore, to **make a donation of the full cost of your desired activity** to the school fund, which will be used to finance the proposed activity. Should insufficient funds be raised, then it may be necessary to cancel the activity and return donations to parents.

Please complete and return the slip promptly with the cost of the first choice activity, places on activities will be allocated on a first come basis, deadline for replies is Friday 9th March.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. We look forward to providing a range of rich and stimulating learning experiences for Year 8.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Merriman
Associate Assistant Head Teacher

Head Teacher: David Alexander, BA (Hons); MSc



YEAR 8 OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

21st MARCH 2018

Student's Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please tick your first choice and reserve choices wellbeing day activity:

First Choice	✓	Reserve Choice (must be different to your first choice)	✓
Option 1: School based & local area activity		Option 1: School based & local area activity	
Option 2: Slimbridge Wetland & Wildfowl Trust		Option 2: Slimbridge Wetland & Wildfowl Trust	
Option 3: Westonbirt Arboretum		Option 3: Westonbirt Arboretum	
Option 4: West Midland Safari Park		Option 4: West Midland Safari Park	

Payment of first choice activity: £ _____ Parent Pay | Cheque

Any balance of payment will be refunded should the first choice activity is unavailable and exceeds the cost of the reserve choice activity.

Please return completed slips and payment to the Student Post Box

Deadline Friday 9th March 2018

Head Teacher: David Alexander, BA (Hons); MSc

