



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 8 Kew Gardens Visit – Thursday 29th September 2022

As part of the Year 8 Geography course we are organising a day visit to Kew Gardens on Thursday 29th September 2022. At the beginning of Year 8 we study global biomes, with a focus on tropical rainforests. The Palm House at Kew gives us the perfect opportunity to experience a taste of the tropical climate and see how plants have adapted to these conditions, and also to contrast this with plants of a desert habitat. It will also be very enjoyable to be able to visit places in person after the Covid restrictions we have all faced.

We shall travel by coach, leaving school at 8.00am prompt and returning at approximately 3.30pm. Please note that this is half an hour after the end of school. Pupils should wear full school uniform, bring a packed lunch and writing equipment. We will be working outdoors for most of the day so a waterproof coat should be worn and trainers will be allowed as we will be walking around the Gardens all day. Pupils will be allowed to take their phones, but these must be turned off and carried in bags when at the Gardens. Normal school sanctions will apply for phone use while in the Gardens.

The cost of this event will be **£17**. Please make payment, via WisePay, by Thursday 7th July. 50% of the cost of the trip will automatically be met by the school for pupils in receipt of free school meals. If you are experiencing financial hardship and would like to apply for support for this visit please contact the school.

There are 120 spaces for this trip. Only those pupils for whom we have received parent/carer permission via Wisepay by the deadline of **Thursday 7th July** will be considered for a place. If pupil numbers exceed the number of places available then a ballot will be held. Those pupils unsuccessful in the ballot will receive a full refund and may be given priority in the next school visit available to them. All pupils not attending will attend lessons as normal on that day.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Ruffhead

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