

# LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

**On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 the biology department will be taking year 8 to Chester Zoo.** This exciting opportunity supports the year 8 'Adaptation and evolution' topic in our scheme of learning. Students will visit sections of the zoo in small groups, supervised by a member of staff. Highlights of the visit will include observing the Asian elephant herd, the Asiatic lions, the fruit bat forest, the Komodo dragon and the new 'Heart of Africa' area. Student observations will be used as a basis for discussions back in the classroom.

We will travel to and from the zoo by coach **setting off from Moorgate at 8.30 and returning to school at 5.00/5.30.** Students will need to bring a packed lunch/snacks/drinks as we cannot guarantee the food outlets will be open out of season.

The visit will be non-uniform; students will need to wear layers and bring a waterproof coat, gloves and hat as many of the animal enclosures are outside. A bag for packed lunch, drinks and pen/pencil is also recommended. There may be an opportunity to visit the gift shop to browse or buy.

The usual school policy regarding mobile phone usage will apply.

If students usually carry medication with them at school e.g. Epipen, inhaler or antihistamines, they should have this with them for the trip. This is important and we will check medication before travel.

**The cost of the trip will be £24** to cover the cost of the ticket and coach. **This will be available to pay via Wisepay.** If you think you might qualify for financial assistance in funding this trip, please look at the school website for details (<https://www.lrqs.org.uk/financial-assistance>).

Evolve will send out an email link (please check junk mail) to be able to consent for this trip and allow you to add any relevant medical information.

Yours sincerely,  
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