



# The Astley Cooper School

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23rd September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to inform you that we are offering all Year 11 students an opportunity to participate in a trip to Whipsnade Zoo on **Monday 15th December**. The trip will depart from school by coach at 9.00am and return at 3.00pm approximately. We would like all Year 11 students to attend this trip.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop which is linked to the AQA GCSE syllabus, putting their learning into practice. Students should wear school uniform with comfortable footwear for walking.

They will also need a packed lunch. If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like a packed lunch provided, please send an email before Friday 5th December to [i.khan@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:i.khan@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk) choosing one of the following options; Cheese & tomato deli sub, Chicken & sweetcorn deli sub, Ham & cheese deli sub, Tuna & cucumber deli sub, Vegan BBQ sausage half baguette, Chicken tikka half baguette, Ham baguette.

There may be opportunities to visit cafes at the zoo and also the zoo shop.

Places on the trip are on a first come, first served basis, so if you would like your child to take part, the cost of the activity day is **£10.00**, this includes entrance fee and coach cost. This will be non-refundable if your child is unable to attend the trip for any reason, including poor behaviour in school leading up to the trip. The payment, consent, medical and contact information should be made using ParentPay by **Friday 21st November**.

It is your responsibility to notify the school and update any changes to medical/allergy or emergency contact details on ParentPay that occur after you have completed the online form. Should you have any queries please contact the finance office.

Only students with a good record of behaviour will be eligible to attend, and all places will be subject to the Headteacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Unfortunately, if we have insufficient numbers for the trip it will be cancelled.

If you have any questions about the activity day, please contact me at school via email [i.khan@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:i.khan@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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