

June 2026

Dear parents/carers

During this year in Geography, our Year 8 students have been studying a range of geographical topics, including ecosystems. In Geography, we like to incorporate fieldwork into our curriculum to allow students to understand key concepts in a practical setting.

This summer, we would like to bring this learning to life and take our students to the Forest of Marston Vale where they can explore many of these topics and others in an exciting and stimulating environment. Students will have the opportunity to explore the forest whilst participating in a number of ranger-led activities such as map-making and a leaf hunt linking to a tree study for fieldwork fortnight later in the term.

We will be travelling to the Forest of Marston Vale by coach. The sessions will run over the course of 2 days: **Tuesday, 23 June and Wednesday, 24 June** during which groups of 60-students will visit the forest according to the schedule below:

Tuesday, 23 June: Group A – **8B and 8S** depart school at 1.00 pm and return by 4.00 pm.

Wednesday, 24 June: Group B – **8N and 8J** depart school at 9.30 am and return by 12.30 pm.

Wednesday, 24 June: Group C – **8A and 8K** depart school at 1.00 pm and return by 4.00 pm.

We will keep you updated via our social media sites (@GoldingtonAcad for Twitter and our 'Goldington Academy' Facebook page) throughout the afternoon to ensure that you are aware of the actual return times.

Students will be allowed to dress in non-uniform for the day, but this must be appropriate for the outdoor sessions, i.e. no short skirts, excessive jewellery or make-up. Students may also want to consider bringing wellington boots and appropriate outer wear depending on the weather conditions as the site could become muddy.

Please remember to keep your emergency contact numbers updated, along with details of any medical conditions your child has, by contacting the school office.

During the trip, I can be contacted on the following number: **07711 349616**.

Yours sincerely

Geography Department