

April 2026

Dear parents/carers

Over the past two years in science, our Year 10 students have been studying a range of scientific topics, including adaptation and evolution. In addition, we have recently looked at how conservation efforts play a huge role in maintaining worldwide biodiversity.

This summer, we are going to bring this science to life and take our students to Woburn Safari Park where they can explore some of these concepts, in particular the specific adaptations of the animals cared for at the park during a ranger-led workshop session.

Students will undertake a workshop with a Woburn Ranger, further investigating evolution and adaptation, using the animals in the park as case studies.

We will be travelling by coach to Woburn Safari Park on **Thursday, 16 July 2026**, meeting at school at 8.30 am to register and leaving at 9.00 am. We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 4.00 pm. We will keep you updated via our social media sites (@GoldingtonAcad for X (previously Twitter) and our 'Goldington Academy' Facebook page) throughout the afternoon to ensure that you are aware of the actual return time.

Students **must** be in their Goldington Academy branded PE top for the day as per the Woburn Safari Park school policy. Failure to do so will mean them remaining at school. They can wear appropriate shorts, skirt or trousers.

Each student will also need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and would like a school packed lunch, this must be ordered at least 3 days in advance of the trip by contacting the trip leader kiter@goldington.beds.sch.uk or by emailing marshalk@goldington.beds.sch.uk.

Please be aware that the school cannot be held responsible for any money or belongings that students take with them.

For the trip to take place, we are asking for a contribution of £28.00 per pupil. This covers the cost of transport, reduced-price entry to Woburn Safari Park, the workshop and ranger-guided vehicle tour.

It is not compulsory for you to pay for this event; however, we are only able to provide such opportunities for learning by obtaining contributions from parents/carers. Although regrettable, the decision to cancel this event may be necessary, if we do not

receive sufficient donations to cover the expenditure of the trip. This decision will be taken on **Monday, 1 June 2026**, so please make your contribution before then. When making your payment via Parent Mail, please tick to give consent.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding (Free school meals at present or Free School Meals within the last 6 years or previously/ looked after child), you may be able to receive Pupil Premium funding towards the cost of school trips. Please contact Mr Roopnarain to discuss this further (roopnarainS@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

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 349 616**

Yours sincerely

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