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Dear Parent Carer

Re: End of KS3 reward trip

We are keen to provide an extra reward for Year 9 students that have managed to maintain a high attendance and also have excellent conduct in lessons. This follows on from the success of a similar trip for Year 9 last year.

Our intention is that any student who has an attendance above 95% and no detentions will get a free place on a trip to the West Midlands Safari Park on Wednesday 7th May 2025. Our students had a fabulous time last year, because we were one of the few schools at the park, so there were no long queues to see the animals or go on the rides.

We will use attendance and behaviour data collected between the 6th January 2025 and the 4th April 2025, so every student has the opportunity to go. Students who already have excellent attendance and no sanctions will also be able to go if they can maintain this. These students will have a greater chance of having an attendance above 95%, because they will not be disadvantaged if they have a short spell of illness in the Spring term.

There are many reasons why a student is unable to attend school, but we are hopeful that this approach will help increase our attendance to pre-covid levels. You will probably be aware that there has been a significant drop in attendance across the UK, since the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021. Attainment and wellbeing drops significantly if attendance falls below 95%, which is why we have set the bar quite high.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know about the opportunity, so that you can share the information with your child. Our pastoral team will also speak to students about the initiative. We will contact you at a later date to let you know if your child has been successful. There will be some students that will not meet the criteria and lessons will still run as normal for these students on the day of the trip.

Always Faithful with Christ

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards



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