



4 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an International School we want to provide opportunities for all of our students to experience the world in different ways. We therefore, would like all of our Year 7 students to enjoy a trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens. This will enable them to get a taste of different natural environments e.g. rainforests and deserts in the glasshouses. Students will take part in a rainforest challenge and animal handling experience run by the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Students will be briefed both before the day and at the start of the day on the health and safety arrangements.

The trip will run over three days and students will attend with their Tutors in their Colleges. This is also an opportunity for the students to build relationships within their Tutor Group.

- Monday 5 October 2026 – **Croft and Park (CR01, CR02, PK01, PK02)**
- Tuesday 6 October 2026 - **Blackdown and Binswood (BD01, BD02, BW01 and BW02)**
- Wednesday 7 October 2026 – **Manor (MR01 and MR02)**

The suggested per student contribution is £23 to cover the cost of transport and entry to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. This contribution is payable via ParentPay and is required by Friday 25th September. In order for the trip to go ahead, it is essential that sufficient contributions are received to cover the full cost. Please note that once you have committed to a trip all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

Students can wear their own clothes, which must be suitable for an outdoor environment. They will need to take a packed lunch. Packed lunches will be provided for students on Free School Meals and will be available for collection on the morning of the visit, please email me by Friday 25 September at rharding@northleamington.co.uk if you would like a Free School Meal provided.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items. Whilst we are on school site, and the coach, the mobile phone policy will remain in effect and students are not permitted to use mobile phones at the venue.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found. In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 7. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you, please ask me as the Visit Leader at rharding@northleamington.co.uk

We intend to leave school at 8.45 am and therefore students will need to be in school by 8.30 am. We will then travel by coach to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Anticipated time for leaving is 2pm and therefore we should return to school by 3.15pm.

In order for your child to attend you need to also give permission via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). Please fill in all the required details on ParentPay by Friday 25th September.

Yours sincerely

R Harding (International Schools Coordinator)