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Brockington College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 University of Leicester Botanic Garden

We are writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your child to visit the University of Leicester Botanic Garden on Friday 10 June 2022.

The trip begins with a botanica workshop - this is a simulation exercise based in a developing country. Students in groups take on citizen roles and consider whether this country should host an international sporting event, and includes presentations, debate and voting on real life examples. The second workshop is on ecosystems which looks at interdependence of holly trees, holly miners and blue tits.

Key information:

- The trip will cost £10, which includes entry to the Botanic Garden, transport and insurance
- The trip will depart from Brockington College at 8:50am and return at approximately 3:00pm
- Students will be required to wear full school uniform. As we will be walking around the gardens outside, appropriate footwear and a coat will be required
- Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink. Those in receipt of free school meals will have a packed lunch provided.
- The garden is open to the general public, therefore normal rules around behaviour in public places should be observed
- Allergies - there are no nuts in the classroom, however it is important to be aware that there are a few nut trees in the garden. Students will not touch or eat nuts during the course of the day.

GDPR

When arranging school trips, it may be necessary to share information about your child with the venue and transport providers for legal and safeguarding reasons. Details about your child may also be required by insurers. Members of staff will carry copies of emergency contact details on the trip.

Payment

We would very much like this visit to take place. However, the visit is an "optional extra" under the 1996 Education Act and the school is allowed to make a charge in full. We must make it very clear that no funds whatsoever exist for this activity. However, parents/carers of students who are entitled to opportunity funding to help pay for the cost of the trip, should tick the relevant box on the consent form and contact the school office for confirmation.

What to do now

Your child has been selected for this exciting opportunity. If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please fully complete and submit this consent form <https://forms.office.com/r/ukXprbfAr5> by **Friday 29 April**, including emergency contact and medical details. Payment for the visit must also be paid, via ParentPay, by **Friday 29 April**.



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If you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school ssa@brockington.leics.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Sacranie
Trip Leader