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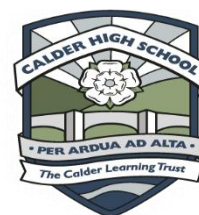
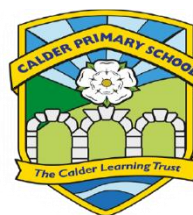
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3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 9 Science Trip to Chester Zoo – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March (X Population) and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March (Y Population) 2026**

I am delighted to inform you that we have arranged an exciting school trip for Year 9 students to Chester Zoo. This visit will support our ongoing studies of ecology as part of the Key Stage 3 Science curriculum.

The primary purpose of this trip is to offer students the opportunity to experience first-hand the diverse ecosystems and species that form part of our planet's ecology. At Chester Zoo, students will observe a variety of habitats, from rainforests to savannahs, and will learn how these environments are carefully managed to protect biodiversity. The visit aligns with our study of topics such as animal adaptations, conservation efforts, and the importance of protecting endangered species. Activities will be provided for students to complete as they make their way around the zoo.

Departure and arrival times are listed below; however, these are dependent on traffic

**Students in X Population:**

**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Meet:** 8.00am – in the theatre

**Estimated time back at school:** 4.00pm

**Students in Y Population: Date:**

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Meet:** 8.00am – in the theatre

**Estimated time back at school:** 4.00pm

Students need to bring: small bag, waterproof jacket/coat and a packed lunch. Students will be allocated a group leader who will supervise them throughout the day. Students do not have to wear school uniform; however, they must wear appropriate clothing which is inoffensive. Students may take a small amount of money for refreshments and souvenirs available at the zoo, if they wish to do so.

We would like to ask all parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£28.50** to cover the cost of transport and admission to the zoo. Please add this to ParentPay no later than **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. Payment automatically acts as consent for your child to attend to the trip. Please note that, should you wish your child to attend the trip but not wish to make a voluntary contribution, a letter giving consent for your child to participate will be required prior to the deadline date above. If insufficient donations are received by this date, it is with regret that we may be unable to run the trip. We very much hope that all students in Year 9 will wish to attend this trip, however those that do not must attend school as normal.

If you would like any assistance regarding the use of Parent Pay, please contact the school Finance Office on [finance@calderlearningtrust.com](mailto:finance@calderlearningtrust.com). If you would like any further information about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via parent enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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Laura Clough  
Trip Lead

Everybody, Everyday

