



26 January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 10, Baylab Trip 24 February 2023 – Expression of interest**

We have been lucky enough to secure tickets for a trip for Year 10 to Baylab, which will take place on 24 February 2023. We will be leaving the school at 9am and returning to Maiden Erlegh School in Reading at approximately 3pm. We will be travelling to and from Baylab using the school minibuses.

Students will be participating in a 4-hour workshop exploring issues relating to lots of cross curricular areas, from plants, farming challenges, climate change and the future of farming in order to obtain food security. The visit will link directly to the curriculum studied within Biology and Geography. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them and they should wear school uniform as usual.

We strongly promote and encourage educational visits for all of our students, and it is hoped that you as parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits and give your full support.

The agenda is as follows:

9:15 – 9:30	Arrival
9:30 – 9:45	Toilets (if necessary) and Introduction
9:45 – 10:00	Workshop starts
10:00 – 10:15	Set the scene
10:15 – 10:45	Plant structure and microscope work
10:45 – 11:15	Plant pigments
11:15 – 12:15	Photosynthesis Investigation
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:45	Farming Challenge activity
13:45 – 14:15	Future of farming
14:15 – 14:30	Summary and wrap up

There are places for 30 students (15 male; 15 female places) and the trip is principally open to Year 10 Combined Science students, who also study Geography. Please note, the trip will be led by 3 female members of staff. Please complete the [Google Form](#) to express interest in a place on the trip by **2 February 2023**. There is no payment for this trip, but there are only 30 spaces available. If the trip is oversubscribed, then names will be pulled out of a hat.

**If your child requires any medication e.g. an inhaler, this must be brought on the trip or your child will not be allowed to participate.**

*Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.*

Please address any questions regarding this trip to me through the school reception.

### Parent Agreement

I have read the information letter regarding the above-named trip and agree to my child participating. I understand that I am responsible for ensuring:

- That my child arrives at school on time.
- **Staff have up to date and accurate contact and medical details at the time of departure, and all relevant medication. Please email [MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) or update the information directly via the SIMS Parent App if your child's medical information has changed.**
- My child has appropriate clothing and food for the trip.
- I also understand that it is my child's responsibility to make up for any missed classes or homework and to do so at an appropriate standard. I will support them to do this.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Rogeon  
Science Teacher

### Key Information

Visit to:	<b>Baylab</b>
Trip leader:	<b>Mrs V Rogeon</b>
Year group and subject:	<b>Year 10, Combined Science &amp; Geography</b>
Date:	<b>24 February 2023</b>
Meeting place and time:	<b>Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, 81 Crescent Road</b>
Departure time:	<b>9:00am</b>
Anticipated collection time:	<b>3:00pm</b>
Transport:	<b>School minibus</b>
Cost:	<b>Free</b>
Dress code:	<b>School Uniform</b>
Food and Drink:	<b>Packed lunch and a drink</b>