

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Educational Trip to Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, Richmond, London – Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January 2025

Thank you for completing the consent form and making payment for your child's trip to Kew Gardens.

Students will attend the trip based upon their geography classes. Your child's tutor and geography teacher will remind them which class they are in and which day they will go:

Tuesday 21st January – 9x1, 9x3, 9x5, 9x6, 9x7 and 9y6.

Thursday 23rd January – 9y2, 9y3, 9y5 and 9x4.

Friday 24th January – 9y1, 9y4 and 9x2.

On the day, students are required to arrive at school and **attend registration as usual** in their tutor groups. Following registration, students should make their way to the area outside of the **Sports Hall** and line up with their Geography teacher by 9.00am.

Students will then walk with their teacher to the coaches on **Brinkley Grove Road**. The coaches will **leave school at 9.10am** and will **return at approximately 17:30pm** (traffic dependent).

Students do not have to wear school uniform, but they will need to wear suitable warm clothing as much of the day will be spent outside. Please check the weather forecast beforehand.

Students who wish to view the plants from a higher level will have to climb steps to viewing platforms in the glasshouses and the tree top canopy walk. Therefore, it is important that students also wear sensible footwear, preferably with grip soles for the day.

Key Items to bring are:

- Writing equipment to complete an activity booklet.
- A packed lunch. Lunch will be provided for students entitled to free school meals.
- Waterproof coat.
- Water bottle.

Should students wish to buy something, there will be an opportunity to do this. We suggest students bring no more than £5.00.

Mobile phones can be brought at student's own risk.

All the information above will also be shared with students prior to the trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on jck@gilberd.com should you wish to discuss anything further.

Yours faithfully

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