



# HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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## End of Year Trips

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just before the October half-term break, students were informed during a launch assembly that every student in Year 7-10 had a place on their respective end of year trip. The destinations for July 2026 are listed below.

Year 7: Whipsnade Zoo - 14 July 2026

Year 8: Chessington World of Adventures - 7 July 2026

Year 9: Chessington World of Adventures - 13 July 2026

Year 10: Thorpe Park - 6 July 2026

We are aware that not all students may wish to participate in the main group trip and therefore a smaller, alternative local trip will be offered. Following the success of last year it will once again be a visit to Pots of Art in Hitchin for a painting session on the same day as the main trip.

If your child does not want to participate in either activity then they will be expected to attend school as normal on that day.

Students were also informed that they would need to meet two different criteria in order to maintain their place on their end of year trip relating to their Behaviour for Learning and attendance records.

### **Criteria 1: Behaviour for Learning record**

In line with our Behaviour for Learning policy, trips are a privilege. Therefore, for a student to participate in an end of year trip, their Behaviour for Learning record between 03.11.25 and the date of the trip must reflect a positive engagement with learning, our school values and our Charter of Kindness and Respect.

It was made clear that any student who receives a suspension between 03.11.25 and the date of the end of year trip will not be allowed to attend. Should a student receive a suspension after the trip has been paid for, they will not be eligible for a refund.

### **Criteria 2: Attendance record**

Every lesson missed has a direct impact on gaps in student knowledge and filling those gaps retrospectively is not always easy. The expectation is that students will achieve at least 95% attendance between 03.11.25 and the date of the trip.



We do recognise that for some students there may be extenuating circumstances related to their attendance at school. Should this be the case, reasonable adjustments to the attendance criteria will be discussed and agreed with Mrs Hone and the relevant Head of Year.

### **Review dates**

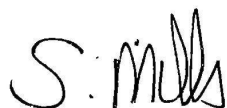
Both Behaviour for Learning and attendance records will be under regular review and there will be four key review points for both criteria 1 and 2.

- Friday 12th December 2025
- Friday 6th February 2026
- Friday 20th March 2026
- Friday 8th May 2026

Should a student be at risk of losing their place on their trip, they will be notified by their Form Tutor/Head of Year and a letter will be sent home to inform parents/carers. Students will then need to show a significant improvement in their behaviour for learning and/or attendance record in order to keep their place on the trip.

Further details specific to the relevant year group trip will be sent out next term.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. S Mills  
Assistant Headteacher  
Behaviour for Learning



Mrs C Hone  
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Attendance