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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Geography Trip to Martin Mere – Thursday 22 October 2026

We are pleased to inform you that the Geography Department is organising a field trip for Year 7 students to **Martin Mere Wetland Centre in Tarlscough on Thursday, 22 October 2026**. This visit is designed to enrich students' understanding of key geographical topics and allow them to apply classroom learning in a real world local environment.

Students will be expected to come to school at their usual time of 8:45am and the coaches to Martin Mere will leave after their registration period at 9:15am. The coaches will return before the end of the school day, therefore students can use their usual method of transport to make their way home. The total cost of the trip, including *coach travel, entry into Martin Mere, the workshops and activities* is **£16.00**.

Aims of the Visit

During the visit, students will:

- Explore how wetlands interact with human and physical processes, including flood management and natural wastewater treatment.
- Investigate how wetlands serve as carbon stores and what they can tell us about climate change over the past 5,000 years.
- Study migratory birds, particularly the Whooper swan, following their journey from Iceland to Martin Mere and comparing the geography and ecosystems of both locations.

This hands-on experience will develop fieldwork skills, critical thinking, and provide a greater appreciation of sustainable environmental practices in our local area.

Sustainability Focus

Martin Mere is currently rolling out a new initiative to reduce waste generated by school visits, and we are proud to be supporting them with this, students are encouraged to:

- Bring a **reusable water bottle** (refill stations are available in the lunch rooms).
- Bring a packed lunch with **minimal or no single-use plastic or packaging**.
- Take all waste home where possible to encourage personal responsibility and reduce the centre's environmental impact.

This aligns with the sustainability themes that we explore in Geography.



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What to bring:

- A packed lunch; *if your child is in receipt of free school meals, please indicate on the consent form below that you would like us to provide a packed lunch.*
- A rucksack along with their writing equipment, pen and pencil.
- A reusable water bottle.
- students should wear their own suitable clothes, this should include; warm clothing for a day outdoors, a waterproof jacket along with suitable outdoor footwear, i.e. trainers or walking boots.

To secure a place for your child, please complete the consent form [attached here](#) and **make the payment of £16.00 by Friday, 16th October at 9:00am**. Payment can be made via Arbor under the trip section of the app/portal.

If you have any queries or would like further details, please do not hesitate to contact school via enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

We are looking forward to what promises to be a valuable and memorable day for our Year 7 students.

Yours sincerely,

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