



21st June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**Make A Difference – MAD Day
Monday 15th July 2019**

As part of our ongoing commitment to service in the local community, for the past 6 years we have organised a day trip to local areas of special scientific interest, where students have been engaged in conservation activities. We have particularly focused upon the removal of harmful, non-indigenous species such as Himalayan Balsam and on the reduction of the spread of bracken. By removing or helping to reduce these species it has allowed our native plants and wildlife to thrive again and has helped to increase biodiversity in these areas.

MAD (Make a Difference) Day 2019 is an opportunity to continue this work. On Monday 15th July we intend to take all students to different parts of Garibaldi Woods for a day of conservation working alongside the Forestry Commission. Students will be focusing on the removal of Himalayan Balsam and bracken. In previous years, students and staff have found the day to be extremely rewarding, a real contrast to a normal day at school and a highly enjoyable experience.

Our hope is that the whole of Year 7 and Year 12 will be involved in MAD Day. They will leave school and walk to and from the area where they will be working, arriving back before the end of the school day. A detailed itinerary, along with a list of essential clothing and equipment can be found below. Please could you complete and return the attached consent slip and medical form and return to the Student Information Desk by Friday 5th July.

- PE kit including trousers and long sleeved top.
- Sun cream, sunglasses and hat (weather dependent)
- Sensible footwear (walking boots or trainers)
- Gardening gloves (or hand protection)
- Packed lunch (unless this is provided by the Academy)
- Waterproofs
- Backpack
- Water
- Insect repellent (optional)

In 2013, Samworth became the first state school in Europe to become members of Round Square. Founded in 1966, Round Square is a worldwide network of innovative schools in 40 countries across 5 continents. It has already provided our students with some incredible opportunities, such as trips to India, Paris, Istanbul, Singapore, Romania and Germany. It also allows students to exchange with other students from some extremely prestigious schools in exciting and inspiring locations. Additionally, one of the Round Square ideals is to provide service to communities, where the students' hard work as a volunteer can be of real practical benefit. MAD Day is a great opportunity for our students to give something back to the local community and to feel that they can genuinely make a difference.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at aowen@tscacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Angela Owen
Team Leader (Learning Outside the Classroom)



School Visit Next of Kin / Medical Form

Visit to:	Make A Difference – MAD Day		
From:	Monday 15 th July 2019	To:	Monday 15 th July 2019

Please note that the information on this form will be held by the member of staff in charge when a day visit or residential visit takes place. This information is being collected and processed in the vital interests of your child.

Full name of Student in block capitals: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Next of Kin/Emergency contact:

During the visit I may be contacted using the following numbers:

Name: _____ Home Telephone No: _____

Mobile No: _____ Work No: _____

If I am unavailable please contact:

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

Medical Information:

I have no ailment or medical condition that the teacher leading the visit should be aware of, or that would be aggravated by the activities described in the information sheet/letter.

Please tick box to confirm If you cannot tick, go to section "b".

a) I have an ailment or medical condition that could be aggravated by the activities described in the information sheet / letter. Please give details (eg; sleepwalking, travel sickness, hayfever, asthma etc):

b) If you are taking medication please give details in the table below (continue on a separate sheet if required and attach):

Name of Medication	Dosage	Times of day or circumstances to be given	Method of administration



I give my consent for a member of staff to administer the above medication, which I will deliver to the group leader before the visit. I understand the staff leading the visit are not qualified medical practitioners but that they will take reasonable care in the administration of the medication and will endeavour to respond appropriately should emergency treatment be required.		YES	NO
I give my consent for my son/daughter to self-administer the above drugs.		YES	NO
Is your son/daughter allergic to any medication?		YES	NO
If YES please specify			
When did your son/daughter last receive a tetanus injection?		Date:	
Does your child have any special dietary requirements?		YES	NO
If YES please specify			
Do you agree to your son/daughter receiving emergency medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present?		YES	NO

c) Apart from asthma inhalers, medications will be carried by yourself.

Do you agree to this **YES / NO** (delete as applicable)

If NO please contact the trip organiser. Unless there are exceptional circumstances this may preclude your child from taking part in the trip.

Name of Doctor and Surgery	Address	Telephone Number

Declaration: I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and if indicated 'YES' I also agree to any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present at the time.

I undertake to inform the group leader as soon as possible of any change in medical or other circumstances between now and the commencement of the visit.

Please note that you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the academy's trip organiser or by contacting the Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@tscacademy.org.uk.

Signed (parent/carer): _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____