

# HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Bertha Trip to GROW at Totteridge Academy

As part of the Bertha Earth programme that your child has just started, we are excited to have the opportunity to take them to the urban farm at GROW in Totteridge. The aim of the Nature Connect day is to get students more connected to nature and create a sense of curiosity for the environment around them. Throughout the day they will be taking part in activities which allow them reflect on their current relationship with nature and ways we can further this in our daily lives. We know these things are really key to their holistic development, and will support their learning inside and outside of the classroom.

On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, students will come to school normal time and then we will be leaving school at 9:00. We will be travelling by bus to Totteridge, with a 10 min walk from the stop to the school on either side of the journey. The whole day will be spent there, before leaving at 14:10 and returning to school by the end of the school day at 3:10. (there may be some delays with transport but the aim is to get back by 3:10pm). **The trip is completely free of charge and lunch will be provided on the day. Please could slips be returned to myself ASAP, but at least by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

Students will be expected to come into school in **non-school uniform**, instead wearing **weather appropriate clothing**. The nature connect day is all outside and winter is fast approaching, it's really important your students come ready with clothes suitable for the outdoors. Please ensure that students arrive in **warm** clothes they don't mind getting muddy, with suitable footwear (ideally wellies or old trainers), and to bring a waterproof coat plus an extra warm layer. Our motto is "there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!"

Nature Connect Days are a fantastic opportunity for your child to connect with other students in their year group, the connections they build at this stage in Year 7 will be really beneficial to how settled they feel at Hendon.

The majority of Ambassadors are attending, and so if they weren't to come, they'd miss out on a key experience of the Bertha Earth programme.

By applying for the programme, your child has expressed an interest in taking part in the Nature Connect Day, and this is a unique experience only available to 30 young people from the year group.

Students will have the opportunity to catch up on any work missed in other lessons

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Kind regards,

*Mr B Sair*

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**Permission slip**

I give permission for ..... Form:.....to attend the trip to the Nature Connect Day.

Please delete as appropriate:

Do they have any medical conditions we need to be aware of on the trip?  
(yes/no) Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and phone number:  
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