

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Crazy Creatures

As a follow up to the very successful visits from Crazy Creatures last academic year, we have arranged fortnightly sessions at Crazy Creatures where students will study various modules within the AQA Award Scheme. Students will create portfolios highlighting the things that they have learnt and the skills that they have developed, based on the following modules:

- Equine Care
- Business Enterprise project
- Care of reptiles and exotics
- Wildlife and conservation/ecology
- Biology: classification and adaptation

These sessions will take place on a Week B Wednesday afternoon from 12.30-3pm. The first session will be on Wednesday 8 October and we will leave school on the minibus at approximately 12.30pm and return to school in time for the normal Redwood end of day.

Students will follow their normal timetable in the morning and have an early lunch at 12noon. There will be hand gel and wipes available during the session to ensure safe hygiene when around or touching the animals. Students will be reminded of behaviour expectations before the visit and Crazy Creatures will be following their own safety procedures during the session and it is down to their discretion whether a student handles any animals at the time.

We take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students at all times. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimise risks, including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a previous behaviour concern.

We have set dates for the full academic for this group to help better prepare them with their own planning. If you would like your child to attend, please click here 2025-26 Consent for Crazy Creatures to give consent. All dates are on the form, but will also be given to you as a separate document once



you have given consent. All sessions will be shown in Arbor for the days they are attending Crazy Creatures. The closing date to give consent is **Wednesday 1 October at 4 pm**.

Yours sincerely

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