



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Year 8 Personal Development Day - Saving Simba - Wednesday 2 March 2022**

I am pleased to inform you that the next Personal Development Day (PDD) for our Year 8 students will be focused on Big Cats and Conservation - 'Saving Simba' and students will be offered one of two (2) options for the day. Following this day, there will be further activities for the whole year group, led by the Head of Year - Mrs Hartley, including fundraising and environmental education.

### **Group 1**

Students in this group will spend the first (1<sup>st</sup>) half of the day learning about the conservation of Big Cats from experts at the Big Cat Sanctuary based in Kent, who will be sharing with us information about the important work they do and how we can support them. We shall then travel via coach to their sister organisation - Paradise Wildlife Park, to see some of the big cats in action. Has your child ever fancied trying their hand at wildlife photography? Maybe they are the next David Attenborough. At Paradise Wildlife Park students will be given the opportunity working with the Art and Media department staff improving their skills photographing these beautiful creatures. In the afternoon, once back at school we will work with the students to build web pages explaining and highlighting the importance of this work.

### **Group 2**

Students in this group will be required to attend school at 10.30am to first (1<sup>st</sup>) spend some time learning about the conservation of Big Cats from experts at the Big Cat Sanctuary based in Kent, who again will be sharing with us information about the important work they do and how we can support them. There will also be an introduction to The Lion King production and design from the Drama department. After lunch we shall then travel via coach, into the West End to see the matinee performance of The Lion King. We aim to return from the Lyceum Theatre in London by approximately 7pm where students can be collected from the main school car park.

As a school we strive to ensure the safety of our students, staff and their families and encourage all those participating in a trip to complete and log twice-weekly lateral flow tests. We also recommend that face masks are worn on public transport.

The cost of the trip for Group 1 will be £21.50 with the cost for Group 2 being £39.50, this will cover the ticket and transport to and from the event. Unfortunately, the school is unable to meet the cost of this trip from its own funds so the visits will only be able to go ahead if parents are prepared to pay a voluntary contribution. Please note, if all parents are not prepared to make the contribution the visit may not be able to take place for any of the students.





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If you would like your child to participate in this trip but will experience difficulty in making the contribution then please contact us before signing up using the email below.

As usual the school's method of payment for trips is through your child's 'My Child at School' (MCaS) account. Payment should be made, for the preferred choice of trip **only** and consent received by no later **Monday 24 January 2022**. If you experience any problems in making an online payment please contact via email – [tripsandvisits@beaumont.school](mailto:tripsandvisits@beaumont.school) to assist with this.

Please be advised there are limited numbers for each of these trips and if either of them become oversubscribed and it proves necessary to create a selection process, places will be allocated through a lottery process. In the event of your child not getting a place on their preferred trip they will automatically be given the other trip and any excess monies paid will of course be returned.

Please also be sure to advise us of any changes to the information you have previously provided us with regarding your child's medical condition/allergies information and the emergency contact details for your child. Any additional information or updates should be provided in writing to the Admin email address – [admin@beaumont.school](mailto:admin@beaumont.school).

I will issue more information to students in due course but if you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Z Shepherd  
Assistant Headteacher

