



RIDGEWOOD  
HIGH SCHOOL

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 8 'The Animal Man' - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

Year 8 Geography students are being given the opportunity to take part in an interactive Animal presentation on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**, to complement their study of 'Our Living World' during the spring term. All students involved will experience a presentation in school lasting one hour and will have the opportunity to hold and pet the animals, if willing to take part.

Animals for the show include tarantulas, snakes, lizards, and two of the following mammals: coatis (tree bears), raccoon dog, baby silver fox, giant European rabbits, skunks, and/or an owl.

There will be an option for students to leave the room if uncomfortable with a particular animal/reptile during the presentation without the need to be excluded from the whole experience.

For more information visit <http://www.theanimalman.co.uk/>

### **ParentPay and Consent**

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £3.70 per student towards the cost of holding this event and the deadline for payment is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. Although this event is a voluntary donation, a **consent form on ParentPay must be completed by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024** as well, to enable your child to take part in this event. It is very important that **all** the information requested on the ParentPay questionnaire is completed, including emergency contact details, necessary medical information, and **full** doctors phone number.

If you have forgotten your ParentPay login details, you will need to go to the ParentPay website ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)), put in your email address and click "forgotten password". You will then be emailed a link to reset your account. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this in school. Please ensure that all the details within the consent are completed in full, including your mobile phone numbers and doctor's phone number (area code **and** phone number).

The following ParentPay link will answer any questions you may have with regard to setting up your online account and making a payment.

**Link:** <https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-fags/>



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These activities are important in enriching and extending the school curriculum. They rely largely on the goodwill of the staff who are prepared to organise such events. It is vital therefore that all students who participate support the staff, and each other, by exhibiting sensible behaviour and full co-operation at all times.

In this context we reserve the right to withdraw any student from a visit or residential activity if, in the time leading up to it they:

- are excluded or suspended from school for any reason.
- repeatedly refuse to cooperate or follow the instructions of staff and fail to respond positively to appropriate warnings.

Ridgewood students are always an absolute delight on these occasions, and we expect that this will continue with this tradition.

If you have any queries, please email me on [jhill@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:jhill@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk). Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,

*J Hill*

**Mrs J Hill**

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