

**2024**



# Secondary Sessions



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# Indoor Sessions and Tours

Our indoor sessions and tours are popular with secondary learners. These take place or start in the Ark Lecture Theatre, near the Education Centre.

## KS3 and KS4

### Indoor Session

#### **Sustainability: Sussed?**

45 minutes, max 60 pupils, £60 additional charge per session.

This fun, interactive session encourages pupils to consider how the choices they make can affect the natural world. What are solutions to the environmental crisis we find ourselves in today? We will look at the main consumer choices every day from fashion to food, and how we might manage the Earth's valuable resources in the future. At the end of the session participants will have the opportunity to try some edible invertebrates!\*

\*Parental consent needed for under 18's

## KS4

### Tours

All 45 minutes, max 30 people, £30 per tour, not available May-July

#### **Conservation Walk & Talk**

Visiting three or four of our most relevant enclosures, we will look at the conservation work of the Wild Planet Trust at our zoos and overseas. These tours offer a better chance for students to discuss and ask questions, and the use of live exhibits makes them more engaging.

#### **Tourism and Visitor Attractions** 15 minutes lecture followed by 30 minutes tour.

Starting with the facts and figures, growth and structure of the business, this session then moves on to discuss marketing, audiences, and upcoming developments at the zoo. The tour will visit an area we are looking to develop in the near future, and works best with student discussion.

# Free Mini-Sessions at an Enclosure

If it is appropriate for your trip, we can meet your classes at an enclosure for a 20-minute 'mini-session' – this format complements classroom learning back at school, directly linking to your classroom topic, using our live animals and natural exhibits to illustrate key points. The informal nature of these sessions encourages pupil observation & participation.

## What is involved in an enclosure meet?

We will meet your class at an enclosure for 20 minutes. We will introduce the animals that can be seen on the day, and tell pupils a little about them. If we know your class topic, we can explain relevant aspects, using our wild species as examples. We will bring along props and artefacts to help illustrate key points and enhance pupil understanding.

## Location

We use certain enclosures when meeting groups, as these offer large gathering spaces and a reliable chance of a good viewing opportunity. We select these to be as appropriate to the topic as possible. Our favourites are giraffes, giant tortoises, ape house, big cats, and lemurs – but we can use other sites around the zoo.

We are happy to try and meet at a certain enclosure if requested, dependent on other groups visiting on the day, and weather.

## Curriculum Links

We deliver sessions that link your classroom curriculum teaching to the experiences that your pupils are soaking up during their whole day here at the zoo. We will try to use the appropriate terminology and cover key points for curriculum learning, to ensure that these connections between classroom and zoo learning are clear.

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## Post 16

Please email [pzeducation@wildplanettrust.org.uk](mailto:pzeducation@wildplanettrust.org.uk) or call 01803 697510 to discuss the lectures and tours we can offer your post-16 group.

