



7th October 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Mersea Island and gardens - Friday 17th October 2025

In the last part of the Key Stage 4 photography curriculum students are going to be looking at Natural forms. In order for them to get as much out of the project as possible, students need to be exposed to natural form which they wouldn't necessarily see in everyday situations, and the natural habitat on Mersea Island is an ideal place for them to do this. During our visit students will have the opportunity to do some sketching and complete a range of photo shoots to enrich their learning from primary resources. We will be travelling by mini buses to West Mersea, spending the morning on the beach completing several photoshoots before getting back on the mini buses and making our way to Beth Chatto gardens in Colchester for the last part of the trip. The students will have a number of different gardens and greenhouses to explore, which will give them the opportunity to do some more close up photography work.

Students are expected to wear suitable casual clothes and sensible footwear. Please advise them to bring a waterproof jacket if it is forecast to rain and make sure they wear something warm including a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf, as we will be outside all day. As there will be a lot of walking involved and some of this will be on to the beach, students may want to bring wellies or walking shoes, if they have them, to change into once we get there. Students should also bring a notebook, pen, coloured pencils, a fully charged camera and a packed lunch. If your child usually has free school meals, please mark this in the dietary requirements section on the consent form. They may also wish to bring some spending money if they want to purchase anything in the café at the gardens however, they only accept card.

Students will need to arrive at school for 8.20 am, and head straight to D101, Miss Richards room, ready to leave at 8.30am, and return to school at approximately 4.30pm.

The cost of the trip is £5, this covers all transport, entry to the gardens and insurance. Passmores is committed to ensuring that no student is restricted from educational opportunities due to short or long-term hardship. If you would like to discuss financial support for this trip, please contact me at school. Please make payment via Arbor by Monday 13th October. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Richards

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