

8th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Activity Day Science – Live Animal Experience

I am writing to inform you about an exciting opportunity the Science Department is pleased to offer all Year 7 students as part of the school's Activities Days.

On Wednesday 1st July, students will take part in a Live Animal Experience held at Ely College giving them the chance to learn first-hand about a variety of animals, their habitats, ecosystems and the impact humans have on biodiversity.

During the session, students will have the opportunity to safely meet and, where appropriate, handle a range of animals. These may include a Chinchilla, Meerkat, a Barn Owl, Python, Bearded Dragon, Blue Tongue Skink, Gecko, Giant Snail and a Tortoise (subject to change). The experience will be led by trained professionals, always ensuring animal welfare and student safety. This hands-on encounter aims to spark curiosity, develop respect for living organisms and bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

This is a free experience for all students with no financial contribution required thanks to a generous donation from the PTFA. Any donations to the PTFA are gratefully received but certainly not expected. Also, a huge thank you to Louis Jinkerson in the Science Department for organising and facilitating this experience.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at soneil@elycollege.co.uk or ltaylor@elycollege.co.uk if you would like to make a donation to the PTFA.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Sam O'Neil
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