

**To Parents/Carers of Years 8 and 12**

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 8 and 12 Conservation Trip to Hyde Park Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Green Futures is an ambitious and innovative programme connecting young people with nature conservation in the Royal Parks, helping them to gain new skills to help combat the climate emergency. Saint Cecilia's is one of 5 schools who have been invited to take part in the project, involving Years 8 and 12.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking all of Year 8 pupils and the Year 12 volunteers to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens to engage with ecology, the environment and conservation. The pupils will undertake practical field work, collect data, monitor habitats and learn conservation techniques. They will also learn about careers in this area and build confidence with the nature in the backyard of their city. The data they collect will be used by the conservation project.

We will leave school at approximately 9am and will return around 3.30pm. We will travel to Hyde Park by public transport taking the tube from Southfields station to Lancaster Gate station. The trip and travel are free, but your child will need a packed lunch and to wear clothes appropriate for outdoors practical work in a park or field. Pupils on Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch for the day by the Refectory.

The Royal Parks would like to use photos of the activities of the conservation day using a professional photographer. Full details regarding how the Royal Parks process personal data, including photos, can be found on their website at [www.royalparks.org.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.royalparks.org.uk/privacy-policy). If you do not want your child to be included in photo displays, please email me via [dbowman@saintcecilias.london](mailto:dbowman@saintcecilias.london).

As this trip is free and within London, permission is granted through the generic consent form. If you do not want your child to take part in this trip, please email me via [dbowman@saintcecilias.london](mailto:dbowman@saintcecilias.london).

If you wish for your child to return independently from Hyde Park, please email [dbowman@saintcecilias.london](mailto:dbowman@saintcecilias.london). If consent for independent return travel is not emailed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, pupils will need to return to school with members of staff at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

**Daniel Bowman**  
**Teacher of Science**