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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: HPA geography trip to Ambios (Rewilding at Sharpham)

I am writing to share with you that as part of the HPA programme at South Dartmoor Community College, your child has the opportunity to take part in an exciting immersive learning experience.

In our recent HPA sessions, students have been exploring rewilding and environmental restoration, learning about the principles and practices involved. To bring this learning to life, we are organising a one-off visit to Ambios, a rewilding centre located in Totnes.

This trip will allow students to engage directly with the landscapes, wildlife and conservation efforts they have been studying. It promises to be a hands-on, enriching experience that will deepen their understanding and appreciation of ecological sustainability and biodiversity.

Trip details:

- Location: Ambios Rewilding Centre, Lower Sharpham Barton Farm, Ashprington, Totnes, TQ9 7DX
- Date: Monday 23 November 2026
- Time: 12:30pm to 4pm (return to school at 4pm)

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to make it back to school in time for the school buses. I would therefore request that your child has alternative arrangements for collection on this day.

What to bring:

As the visit will involve outdoor activities and walking on natural terrain, students should wear:

- Sturdy footwear (walking boots recommended)
- Weather-appropriate clothing (layers, waterproof jacket, hat/sunscreen depending on forecast)
- Packed lunch and water bottle
- We believe this will be a memorable and inspiring experience for all involved, offering a unique chance to connect classroom learning with real-world environmental action.

Consent from parents needs to be given for students to attend the trip and this is completed online through the **ParentPay** process. There will be no charge for the host as Ambios offer this session free of charge. However, we *ask for a voluntary contribution of* **£3.00** to cover transport and that can be paid through the same ParentPay process. To aid administration and preparation for the trip we ask that the consent and payment is completed by Thursday 19 November 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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