

Dear Parents and Carers,

Eco-Committee Trip to the Beyond COP21 Symposium at Rendcomb College Friday 3rd March 2023

The High School Leckhampton Eco-Committee has been invited to attend the Beyond COP21 Symposium, kindly hosted by Rendcomb College, on Friday 3^{rd} March 2023 from 9.00 am – 3.45 pm. If your child would like to attend this event, please complete the consent form on Scopay by 4pm on Friday 3^{rd} February. There is no cost to participate in this exciting opportunity.

Beyond COP21 is a global series of symposia, based around the post Paris and Sustainable Development Goals agendas, that started in January 2016. The series has taken place 23 times, in countries as diverse as the UK, Jordan, UAE, Kenya, Ghana, Kuwait, Peru, Taiwan, Spain, Vietnam and Singapore. The event consists of themed high impact presentations, guest speakers, workshops, networking, pledge making and student-led discussions, as well as an exhibition of local sustainable organisations. Key decisions made at COP26 in Glasgow and COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh will be incorporated into the discussions.

We will be leaving school at 8.15 am and travelling to Rendcomb College, Cirencester GL7 7HA with members of the Balcarras Eco Club in the Balcarras school minibus. There are 7 seats available for HSL students in the minibus, however, each school is invited to bring along up to 10 students from years 7-9. Therefore, if you would be available to drop off and collect your child directly from Rendcomb College, please do communicate this when giving consent via Scopay. If the trip is oversubscribed, those that have attended the most Eco-Committee meetings since September 2022 will be given priority.

Those attending should arrive at school at 8.10 am wearing school uniform and a lightweight rucksack containing a pencil case, water bottle, and any required medication. Rendcomb College are kindly supplying lunch, therefore please provide information of any dietary requirements for your child when giving consent via Scopay. We will return to school at approximately 4.15 pm. Please make arrangements for your child to travel home safely.

Please contact Mrs Davis at <u>sed@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk</u> for enquiries relating to your Scopay account. If you have further questions about this trip please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Yours sincerely,

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