Dear Parent/Carer,

The on-site provision for Connect students will sadly be coming to an end on March 8th 2024. We have really enjoyed working with this cohort and they have outperformed every other Connect group for attendance, punctuality and positive behaviour logs. Work has been completed behind the scenes to put in place plans to support their transition to the next provision. Schools should be in touch to tell you what the arrangements are for return before March 8th but please do let me know if you have any concerns.

To celebrate the end of the programme we are organising enrichment experiences for the week beginning March 4th. The visits are part of our curriculum offer and as such there will be no alternative on-site provision. All participants will need to wear comfortable clothing and trainer type shoes; open toe shoes, sandals or sliders are not recommended. Students will need an outdoor coat as they will spend part of the day outside, alternative arrangements will be made in the case of extreme bad weather. The trips will use a variety of transport: All trips will return at around 2.00pm. Students will be free to leave from school upon return at 2.00pm in recognition of the full day of offsite activities that they will have been actively participating within.

Lunch, refreshments and drinks will be provided, however there may be opportunity for students to access other refreshments should they wish to bring a small amount of money themselves. This is optional and not necessarily required.

**The trips and activities will operate as follows:**

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Connect 9** | West Midlands Safari Park | Cadbury World | In school for normal lessons | In school for normal lessons | All Connect students are going to Rush Trampoline Park for enrichment 12-2pm. |
| **Connect 8** | West Midlands Safari Park | In school for normal lessons | In school for normal lessons | Black Country Living Museum |

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school, or myself directly via charlotte.poynton@theedgeacademy.co.uk or replying via the SMS text message sent from school to notify you of the trip.

Yours faithfully,  
  
Charlotte Poynton  
Vice Principal, Head of Connect