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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Angling Club launch

I am delighted to inform you that I will be starting an Angling Club at Ruislip High School as part of our comprehensive 'Above and Beyond' programme. The club will meet once a fortnight on a Tuesday between 3pm and 3:40 pm in D312.

Initially the club will be classroom based where I will cover all aspects of angling from respect for our environment, through to fish types and angling techniques. In the summer term I am planning to take the club to Northala Fields fishery and hopefully catch some fish. You can view their website here <https://ghof.org.uk/>. The charity provides all equipment and coaching on site so no equipment or experience is necessary. I would also like to run a trip for students and family members to the same location. Details of the trip will follow as I have to confirm the dates and number of students with the fishery. Anglers with experience are of course welcome but please be aware that we will be starting with the basics.

In the first instance the club will be limited to 14 places and if oversubscribed priority will be given to students whose family members have also shown an interest and would like to join a trip. Family trips will take place on Saturdays or Sundays and there will be a question on the reply form where you can indicate your interest. I am really passionate about angling and believe it connects us with nature which is crucial to our overall health and well being. I also believe that fishing with our family members helps to form strong bonds and connections. As I stated earlier no prior experience is necessary and what I would really like is students and families who have never been fishing before to give it a go. I do appreciate that this will not be everybody's idea of having fun but please note that all fish are returned to the water and barbless hooks will be used in all instances. The organisation is a charity but has to cover their costs so charge £12 per head for an hour with all equipment and coaching provided. Trip letters will go out at the start of the summer term and will include more details. Only students attending the club will be offered places on the trip.

If your child is keen to join the Angling Club then please fill out the google form making sure all questions are answered carefully ([here](#)) Students will be notified if they have a place as soon as possible. I would really like to grow the club so if your child does not get a place in the first instance, please don't be disappointed. As the club grows hopefully we will be able to offer more places and we may be able to organise more family trips in the summer term so please watch this space.

Yours sincerely



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