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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Bertha Earth Programme

We are delighted to inform you that Year 7 students will be taking part in a series of events hosted by Bertha Earth. During the events, your child will get a taste of what Bertha Earth is all about and they will have the chance to apply to be one of 30 Year 7s taking part in our Ambassador Programme this year.

Who is Bertha Earth?

Bertha Earth is an organisation that envisages a world where every child inherits a healthy, thriving planet. Through their programmes, people and storytelling platform their mission is to grow a diverse network of young environmental leaders, storytellers and changemakers who reignite a great love for our planet. You can read more about what they do at <u>www.berthaearth.com</u>. We are fortunate to be one of 13 schools in London hosting the Ambassadors Programme this year.

What is the Ambassador Programme?

The Ambassador Programme is a fully funded, year-long opportunity for young people between the ages of 11 and 12 (Year 7).

Each week, from November, Bertha Earth facilitators will be coming to Rooks Heath to lead weekly sessions where they will be exploring how they connect with themselves, each other and the planet. As part of the programme, Ambassadors will also take part in an off-site Nature Connect day with one of our partner organisations (GROW, Global Generation, London Wildlife Trust, Bore Place or The Royal Parks) and will have the chance to go on a 4-night, 5-day retreat to Jamie's Farm.

To become one of our Ambassadors, we are looking for young people who are **caring** towards our planet and want to protect it, **curious** to learn more about nature and the environment and ultimately, those who are **committed** to the whole of the Ambassador journey.

We look forward to sharing this amazing opportunity with your child. Applications for the Ambassador Programme will open at the end of Launch Day.

If you do have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the Lead Teacher, Ms. Coelho via email at contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk

Kind Regards, Rooks Heath School and The Bertha Earth Team

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