



24 May 2019

Dear Parent(s) of Lower Sixth Biologists,

Orielton Field Centre Trip Saturday 21 September to Monday 23 September 2019

Ecological field work is an important part of the A-level biology curriculum and this trip allows our biologists to access habitats that are not accessible on the School site. We would expect all the upper sixth biologists to sign up for the residential field trip, to the Field Studies Council Centre at Orielton in Pembrokeshire, in September. On the trip we will embed practices and explore the Ecological topics more practically. The FSC offers courses that are specific to the requirements of our Examination Board with excellent professional tutoring and will also include two of our upper sixth core practicals as well as a personal mini ecological investigation. Your son will have an opportunity to plan, and carry out, a range of sampling techniques in different habitats on the course. The course is taught by the Centre staff and offers a mix of classroom theory and practical fieldwork sessions.

We will leave at 7am on Saturday 21 September 2019 and return around 8.30pm on Monday 23 September. All food is provided by the Centre, except for a packed lunch for the Monday. We will stop briefly at a service station on the way to and from the FSC Centre so some money for second breakfasts and a return evening meal may also be good to have.

The provisional activities/content for the weekend will be as follows:

- Rocky seashore transect.
- Sand dune succession.
- Capture, mark, release and recapture.
- Invertebrate survey in polluted and unpolluted streams.

The cost of the trip will be £280, we recommend that you book a place by completing the accompanying Google Form. The whole amount of £280 will be added to the August/September School bill. Please note that by completing this electronic consent form you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals and refunds will only be available once the trip is complete and dependent on any funds remaining in the budget.

If you have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email me on su.mcrae@abingdon.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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