

6th March 2017

Dear Students & Parents / Guardians,

**A-level Biology Field Course, Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre, Malham, North Yorkshire
Monday July 10th to Friday 14th July 2017**

The Biology field trip is an intensive, residential course, delivered by highly qualified biologists from the Field Studies Council, the recognised national leaders in field courses specifically tailored to A-level specifications. During the trip, students will cover all of the specification content relating to ecology while also developing valuable practical skills and understanding that are crucial to success in A-level biology. Students on the trip will conduct one of the 12 required practical investigations determined by the exam board which are now used to assess students' practical skills. The work the students do on the trip will therefore contribute not only to their final exams but also to the awarding of the practical skills endorsement. This means that the trip should be considered **essential** for all students.

The cost of the trip will be £392 per person, which covers all food, accommodation, travel and tuition during the week, although students will need a packed lunch, or money to buy food, for the journey up to Yorkshire. A **non-refundable deposit of £100 is required by Monday 13th March via Joinos**. You are reminded that once the deposit is paid it will be lost if your son/daughter subsequently decides not to attend. The remaining balance of **£292 is due by Friday 6th May**. I must stress that the price secured is based on a group size of 63 students. If this number alters significantly then the final price may be subject to change.

Should financial difficulties preclude your contribution please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Clare Morey (cmorey@judd.kent.sch.uk) in confidence to discuss what assistance may be available.

Final details, itinerary and kit lists will follow after the Easter Holidays. If you have any questions please contact me via mcourel@judd.kent.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Dr M Courel
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