

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s),

RE: Year 13 Biology students – Residential Fieldwork Visit to Juniper Hall, 22nd November – 24th November 2023

The Science Department is organising an Ecology Field Trip at the FSC Field Studies Centre at Juniper Hall in Dorking for students in Year 13 studying A Level Biology.

The 3-day residential course offers a fantastic opportunity for students to undertake ecological investigations in a variety of inspiring habitats and complete relevant required practicals. Students will investigate biodiversity within an ecosystem, population dynamics and ecosystem management. They will develop their practical skills, use of apparatus and techniques, and deepen their understanding of the ecological syllabus content and synoptic links through first-hand experience. These skills and content are assessed in the AQA A Level Biology exams students will sit in May/June 2024. It is for this reason your child's attendance, although not compulsory, is strongly encouraged.

Students will be departing on coach from Southend High School for Boys at 10.00am on Wednesday 22nd November. It is anticipated that students will return to school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday 24th November, though this will be traffic dependent.

The **total cost of this visit is expected to be £220.00**, this includes transport and food whilst at the centre (hot breakfast and evening meals and a packed lunch). *The exact figure may vary slightly. We will communicate any variance with this value to you once all numbers have been provided to the Tour Provider and they have been able to confirm the final figure.* This will be collected in instalments as per the schedule shown below:

- Instalment 1: £120.00, due by 16th June 2023
Instalment 2: £100.00, due by 20th August 2023

We have secured 45 places on this trip, and these will be offered on a first-come first-served basis in terms of payments received. **The option to make a payment will open on Wisepay at 1pm on Monday 5th June**, with a payment deadline, as stated above, of Friday 16th June 2023.

Should you have any concerns about making the payment due, or if you believe your child is eligible for bursary funding, please contact Mrs Howley in the Finance Office at your earliest opportunity.



Please be aware that, once this booking is confirmed, the company's cancellation policy applies. Should your child wish to withdraw from the trip at any stage going forward, this policy will dictate the level of refund possible.

Please review the school's trip code of conduct here:

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>

When we return after the summer break, it will be requested that you complete the required "Offsite Visit Form". This will ask for contact details and medical and dietary information.

I will be organising a parent information event to discuss details about this trip, such as the items your son/daughter will need to bring with them, later this year. I will contact you to confirm this date in due course. In the meantime, please review the suggested kit list below.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs B Ghir

FSC Centre Kit List

The centre provides bed linen for students within the course fee. Non-feather pillows and extra blankets are also provided.

Indoor shoes/trainers

Towel

Pyjamas

Wash kit *(please do not bring aerosols as these can set off their fire alarm)*

Personal medicines *(eg. Asthma inhalers, hayfever tablets etc)*

Wellingtons

Walking boots

Warm sweaters

Thermal underwear/thermal base layer

Warm trousers *(jeans are not good as become cold when wet)*

Waterproof coat

Thick socks *(several pairs in case they get wet)*

Gloves, hats and scarves

Change of clothes for evenings

Rucksack

Thermos flask

Drinks bottle

Torch

Calculator

Pencil case with Pencils, pens, rubbers etc

Notebook

Snacks for outside of the main meals *(nut free, no chewing gum)*