

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s),

RE: Year 13 Biology students – Residential Field trip, Juniper Hall, 27th November – 29th November 2024

The Science Department is organising an Ecology Fieldwork Trip at one of the Field Studies Centres (FSC), Juniper Hall in Dorking for students in Year 13 studying A Level Biology.

The 3-day educational residential course offers an invaluable 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 2025. **It is for this reason your child's attendance, although not compulsory, is strongly encouraged.**

Students will be departing by coach from Southend High School for Boys at 10.00am on Wednesday 27th November. It is anticipated that students will return to school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday 29th November, though this will be traffic dependent.

The **total cost of this visit is expected to be £260.00**; 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 3rd May 2024

Instalment 2: £140.00, due by 21st August 2024

We have secured 36 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 Wednesday 17th April**, with the first instalment payment deadline, as stated above, of Friday 3rd May 2024.

We appreciate, that as this stage you child may or may not continue with Biology as an A level subject into Year 13. Therefore, **a full refund** will be given if your child **does not continue** with this subject into year 13. Please note that a refund option **will not be** given to any student who does go on to study A2 Biology (Year 13), but who then subsequently drops the subject.



Should you have any concerns about making the payment due, or if you believe your child is eligible for bursary funding, please contact Finance@shsb.org.uk at your earliest opportunity.

Information regarding bursaries, is available on the school's website under Sixth form/life in the Sixth form/16-19 Bursary.

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, having confirmed Biology as an option, 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=2665>

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 in the new academic year. 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*)