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23rd September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: A level Biology Fieldwork - Swanage, Friday 9th May to Sunday 11th May

As part of the OCR A level Biology course all pupils are required to carry out a practical assessment into fieldwork studies. This forms part of the practical assessment in Biology which is separate to their final examination. This year we are offering students the chance of carrying out this fieldwork requirement at a specialist field studies centre (Leeson House) in Swanage, Dorset.

During their stay pupils will gain invaluable experience carrying out a variety of fieldwork tasks such as marine zonation studies and single species morphology in Kimmeridge Bay. Alongside studying succession at the heathland and sand dunes of Studland Bay. The grounds at Leeson House provide a rich and varied range of habitats which our students will be able to gain experience of various sampling techniques such as "mark and recapture" population studies and pond comparisons. All pupils will benefit from tuition and equipment provided by trained field centre staff. Furthermore, pupils attending will be able to gather data for their individual practical assessment in order to write up into their practical assessment laboratory notebooks.

The cost of this residential visit is £200.00 and will include travel, bedding hire, accommodation, meals and insurance at Leeson House as well as tuition from field centre staff.

We will need the first instalment of £40 by 1st October 2024. A further 4 payments of £40.00 will be payable on the 1st November 2024, 1st December 2024, 1st January 2025 and 1st February 2025. All monies must be paid via ParentPay. Please ensure whilst paying online that you complete the notes box with any relevant medical information and emergency contact details.

Please be aware that should your child withdraw from this trip at any stage before departure, that payment will be non-refundable.

We are sure you agree that this trip will provide our A level Biologists with an invaluable and hopefully memorable experience.

Yours faithfully

Lizzie Williams
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