

November 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Biology Malham Field Course Monday 1st July - Wednesday 3rd July 2019

For A-level Biology, students are expected to have experienced certain ecological techniques first hand. This will be examined as part of the A level papers in 2020. Once again this year, arrangements have been made to provide students with a residential fieldwork experience that will enable them to develop practical skills and investigate environmental theory in context. We plan to complete the compulsory required practical 12 whilst at the centre so would hope that all students intending on taking the A-level examinations will attend. We believe that the benefits of a residential course are significant in offering extended time to study and reflect in an unfamiliar location.

The biology fieldwork will be conducted from FSC Malham Tarn Field Centre, Settle, N Yorks, BD24 9PU (01729 830331). This location offers easy access to a number of varied habitats not found in the Sheffield area. The Centre will provide all accommodation, meals, transport to study areas and teaching/guiding input. We will travel by coach to and from Sheffield.

If the trip is to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £215.00 will be required. If not enough contributions are forthcoming the trip may have to be cancelled. If payment is a barrier to any pupils, please contact the organiser in the first instance. Financial assistance is available at the Headteacher's discretion through the School Access Fund. Students must apply in writing to the Trip Organiser in the first instance for funding help. Alternatively, you can pay online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo. If you would like a copy of your unique activation username and password please email parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk stating your child's name and year group or contact the finance office at finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk

In order to secure a place on the fieldwork course a minimum deposit (non-refundable) of £75.00 is required by Friday 18th January 2019. The balance of £140 can be paid in two instalments: £70 by Friday 8th March and £70 by Friday 10th May. We will send a text message nearer the time to remind you.

Payments can be made via Parent pay or cheques should be made payable to Silverdale School by the dates indicated, placed in an envelope, with the reply slip below, and marked clearly with **Pupil's Name, Form and Y12 Biology Field Trip 2019** and handed into the Student Reception.

Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul

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A more detailed itinerary and kit list will be sent nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

S Summers

Mrs S Summers
Head of Biology

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Silverdale School - Sixth Form Biology Field Course 2019

**PLEASE RETURN SLIP AND PAYMENT (DEPOSIT OR FULL AMOUNT) TO STUDENT RECEPTION
BY FRIDAY 18th JANUARY 2019**

Name _____ Form _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Biology Field Trip to Malham Field Centre from 1-3 July 2019

I enclose the £75 deposit and understand the payment schedule set out in the letter above.

Any specific dietary requirements ie vegetarian/halal/food allergies _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____