

October 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

**Sixth Form Biology Malham Field Course - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 3 July 2020**

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 2021. 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 £216.00 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](mailto:parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk) stating your child's name and year group or contact the finance office at [finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk)

**In order to secure a place on the fieldwork course a minimum deposit (non-refundable) of £70.00 is required by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The balance of £146 can be paid in two instalments: £73 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and £73 by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 We will send a text message nearer the time to remind you.**

In accordance with the terms and conditions of booking with the Field Studies Council, we reserve the right to withhold the following payments as follows;

- *Cancellation with more than 84 days' notice prior to the Arrival Date - FSC shall retain any deposit already paid;*
- *For cancellation with between 84-57 days' notice prior to the Arrival Date, you shall pay 60% of the relevant participant Fee;*

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- *Cancellation with 56 or less days' notice prior to the Arrival Date, you will pay 100% of the relevant Participant Fee.*

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 2020** and handed into the Student Reception.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Summers  
Head of Biology

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**PLEASE RETURN SLIP AND PAYMENT TO STUDENT RECEPTION  
BY FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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 2020 and I enclose the £70 deposit and agree to pay the balance via the staged payment schedule. Please note your deposit is non-refundable once we have confirmed your child's place unless a replacement can be found.

Any specific dietary requirements ie vegetarian/halal/food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)      Date \_\_\_\_\_