



May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Biology Fieldtrip – Tuesday 9 July 2019

We are delighted to confirm that a Biology fieldtrip is being arranged for Year 12 students. During the fieldtrip students will learn all of the skills needed to carry out an ecological investigation, which is one of the essential core practicals required by the Edexcel specification. The core practicals ensure students satisfy criteria for the A level Practical Endorsement, which all students must gain to qualify for A level Biology.

The trip will take place at the Field Studies Council (FSC) Centre at Mop End. The fieldtrip is a truly enriching experience carrying out an ecological investigation in the beautiful Chiltern Hills. Students will have access to a wide range of ecosystems, excellent fieldwork equipment and a specialist FSC tutor to guide and direct their investigations. They will also learn how to interpret their data in relation to biotic and abiotic factors and how to apply the relevant statistics. Ashlyns students will be well supported throughout with Biology teachers from school as well as the FSC tutor.

The cost, which includes all tuition sessions, equipment, use of the Centre's facilities, travel expenses and insurance, is £39.10 per student. Payments are non-refundable.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. If the trip or activity is linked to the National Curriculum, as in this case, contributions are voluntary, but if contributions are insufficient the trip may have to be cancelled. No student will be denied participation in the trip because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence.

Nearer the time the students will be provided with all the relevant details but you can obtain information now by visiting the FSC website:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/londonregion/amersham.aspx>

Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School) by Monday 10 June. Please note that if payment is made by WisePay, a completed permission slip is not required. If paying by cheque, please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the staff room.

Should you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (ajohnstone@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Ms A Johnstone
Teacher of Biology

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Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Biology Fieldtrip on Tuesday 9 July.

I enclose a cheque payable to Ashlyns School for £39.10

I have been accepted onto the 16-19 Bursary and am requesting funding

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____