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July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 13 A-level Biology Ecology Trip to Crowden, Peak District
Monday 30 September 2024 and Wednesday 16 October 2024**

As part of the two-year A-level Biology course, we have arranged a compulsory field trip to enable your child/ward to be fully prepared for the A-level examination and to also meet all requirements of the A-level specification and CPAC assessment criteria. Due to maximum group sizes, we will be running two trips, each with a maximum number of 25 participants per day. Places on these days are first come, first served. Once a day is full, you will need to select the other day where there will be available spaces.

This will be a day trip, where we will travel to Crowden in the Peak District National Park to undertake Moorland Ecology. Students will be accompanied by teaching staff on the trip; however, the fieldwork will be led by learning and discovery rangers who have a vast amount of knowledge and experience to share with the students. The aim of the fieldwork is to collect data from two different hillsides, comparing the differing environments between the top and bottom of the slope and the effect this has on the variety of different species present.

On each day the bus will depart from school at: 08:15 and return at approximately 17:30.

The total cost of the trip, including transport, expert instructor and insurance is £49. Please pay online by using the online payment system (if this is likely to cause any financial difficulties, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence by email to office@wkgs.net). Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate addition information directly to me (staff organising trip). The full balance of the trip payable by Sunday 15th September. Please **only** pay for the day you wish to attend.

If you would like any further information or have any concerns about any aspects of the arrangements, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

R Price

Mr R Price
Teacher of Biology

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the School will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.



REQUIREMENTS / KIT LIST

We will be outside for most of the day, so it is vital you have the correct kit to safely participate:

- Sensible fieldwork/outdoor clothing (NO DENIM JEANS).
- Waterproof coat – ideally waterproof trousers also if you own a pair.
- Long trousers.
- Wellington boots – if you do not have these, a good set of sturdy walking shoes/boots with plenty of grip.
- Warm jumper – pack a spare in your bag in case one gets wet or if it gets too cold
- Socks – wear one pair and have a spare.
- Warm hat, gloves, scarf and if it is a hot day, suncream.
- A substantial packed lunch for the day – plenty of water and snacks – all rubbish must come home with us, so I recommend a small bin/carrier to sit on at lunch but to also put any rubbish inside once finished.
- Please note multiple thin/mid layers are better than a few thicker layers.

Please let Mr Price know if there are any problems with this kit list