

November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Sixth Form Biology Malham Field Course 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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 2018. 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.

We are planning to allocate students to either Group 1 or Group 2.

Group 1: Monday 26 June - Wednesday 28 June 2017

Group 2: Wednesday 28 June - Friday 30 June 2017

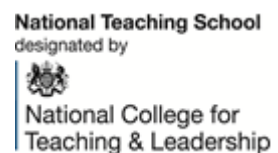
The content of these sessions will be the same. In order to maximise teaching ratios, all effort will be made to split students evenly between the two sessions. If there are any particular reasons why your son/daughter is limited to attend only a specific one of the two sessions, please state the details at the time of booking.

If the trip is to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £187.00 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 £80.00 is required by Friday 6 January 2017. The balance of £107 can be paid in two instalments: £54 by Friday 3 March and £53 by Friday 5 May. We will send a text message nearer the time to remind you.



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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 2017** and handed into the Student Reception.

A more detailed itinerary and equipment list will be issued nearer the time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Summers  
Head of Biology

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**Silverdale School - Sixth Form Biology Field Course 2017**

**PLEASE RETURN SLIP AND PAYMENT (DEPOSIT OR FULL AMOUNT) TO STUDENT RECEPTION  
BY FRIDAY 6 JANUARY 2017**

Name ..... Form .....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Biology Field Trip to Malham Tarn.

I do/do not foresee a problem with them being allocated to either Group 1 or Group 2 - please provide specific details if a problem is foreseen.

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Any specific dietary requirements ie vegetarian/halal/food allergies  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)