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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 12 Biology – A Level Field Course – 21 to 23 June 2024

I have booked a field course at Juniper Hall in Surrey, from Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June 2024, run by the Field Studies Council ([www.field-studies-council.org](http://www.field-studies-council.org) – find Juniper Hall under FSC Centres). I will provide further details closer to the departure date.

Students will be kept very busy from arrival to departure being introduced to habitats, techniques and some background theory to allow them to complete their **assessed Core Practical 12** on biotic and abiotic factors. Specialist ecology tutors will guide them in the writing up of their practical work. The course is designed to encourage an interest in ecology, an awareness of how ecosystems work, and the statistical analysis required for the A Level examination.

The students will be given information about the Juniper Hall Centre, its facilities, courses and wonderful location. This course is an integral part of A Level Biology and, as such, we would hope that all A Level students will attend as it will be a fantastic experience to build scientific, analytical and teamwork skills. It is also essential students attend this residential to complete their Core Practical 12, and in preparation for their examinations.

The cost of the field course is approximately £310, made up as follows:-

- **A £77.50 non-refundable deposit must be paid by Friday 22 September 2023** by ParentPay to allow us to secure our booking.
- **Payment 2 of £77.50 is due by Wednesday 1 November 2023** by ParentPay
- **Payment 3 of £77.50 is due by Thursday 1 February 2024** by ParentPay
- **Payment 4 of £77.50 is due by Monday 1 April 2024** by ParentPay

Payment for this trip should be made on ParentPay. If you do not have access to the internet, cash payments can be made via a PayPoint facility, together with a Bar Code Letter provided by us upon request. Please would you also complete the Parental Consent Form on ParentPay. Should any medical details change from this date to the date of departure, please notify me as soon as possible.

There will be two members of staff with the students at all times. If you have any queries about the field course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Reed – Assistant Subject Leader Science

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