

12 June 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 12 Biology Fieldwork

Upon completion of AS content in Biology we have now started to teach the A-level content of the Biology specification. The first topic that we study is "Populations and Ecosystems". As you may be aware the A-level specification requires that students complete specific practical activities, which include ecological field investigations.

For this practical activity we choose to focus on coastal ecology. This will involve 1 day studying the ecology of a rocky shore located at Burniston, north of Scarborough. The date for the fieldwork this year will be Monday 17 July 2023.

We will leave school at approximately 8 am on Monday and should return by the end of the school day.

Your child will need to be prepared with appropriate clothing for poor weather; even if it is sunny in Driffield the weather at the coast can change quickly. A list of suggested equipment is as follows:

- Warm and windproof clothing – bring layers as the temperature can change quickly
- Long sleeved clothing to avoid sunburn and excessive exposure
- Waterproof clothing as we will be on the beach even if it is raining!!
- Wellies or waterproof walking boots/trainers to wear on the beach - need to have good tread (change of footwear and socks for travelling back from the beach in case you step in a rock pool!)
- Sun cream, sunglasses and hat
- Small bag or rucksack to carry food, spare clothing and clipboard. Take a plastic bin bag to cover your rucksack if it is raining.
- Clipboard and clear plastic bag to cover it (to be able write under it if it is raining)
- Pens, pencils, calculator
- Food and water – there is nowhere to buy any food (or any toilets!) on the beach

In addition, you child will require a packed lunch. If your child is eligible for free school meals and requires a packed lunch providing, please note this on the consent form.

I would be grateful if you could complete the consent form via the following link to give permission for your child to attend the trip by Friday 30 June:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qpe6ZMf9yP>. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4 per student and this will contribute to the travel costs for the trip. This should be paid via ParentPay by Friday 30 June as well. Should you have any difficulties making the payment, please contact the school. Please note, the visit may not go ahead if costs are not covered.

As the activities completed on this fieldwork cover a major part of the A-level specification and contribute to the awarding of their Practical Skills Verification student participation is important. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Mrs S Wild
Head of Biology