



### **Year 12 Biology – Oxford Botanic Gardens and Museum of Natural History**

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are excited to announce that there are still a few spaces available for the Biology trip to Oxford Botanic Gardens and Museum of Natural History on Wednesday 1st of July 2026. We have been able to extend the payment deadline to **March 13th** to give any students who haven't signed up already to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Whilst not a compulsory part of the Biology curriculum this trip provides a phenomenal opportunity to delve into the history of science and learn more about biodiversity and evolution, aspects of Biology that are more relevant today than ever before. The trip falls during the time when many students will be starting their university application and a visit to one of the foremost universities in the world would make a fantastic addition to their personal statement.

During the day students will have the chance to explore the historic Oxford museum, listen to a university style lecture from the museum head of learning and enjoy lunch in the picturesque botanic gardens. They will spend the afternoon touring the massive range of plant species held in the gardens and learn more about the key conservation work happening right here in the UK, an incredible opportunity for all our budding Biologists.

A reminder of the key details can be found below:

**Visiting:** Oxford University Museum of Natural History & Oxford Botanic Gardens

**Date:** Wednesday 1st of July 2026

**Departure:** 08:40 from school via coach.

**Return:** By 15:30 to school.

Students will be expected to bring a packed lunch and be dressed sensibly as there will be a lot of walking involved. They will also need to bring a pen and a notebook.

The cost of the trip is £27.00, which is inclusive of travel, insurance, a university lecture, a tour of the Oxford Museum, and a visit to the magnificent Botanical Gardens on site.

If you would like your child to participate, in accordance with the school's charging and remissions policy, you are asked to make a voluntary contribution of **£27.00** via SCOPAY ([www.scopay.com/beaconsfield](http://www.scopay.com/beaconsfield)) by **13th March 2026**.

By making a payment you are giving permission for your child to take part in the Trip. Please note payments are non-refundable. However, if we're able to fill the space on the trip, we'll happily arrange a refund.

Where Sixth Form students are entitled to 16-19 Bursary, we ask that the students make the payments out of the money received from the bursary.

If you are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines and wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact [trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school).

During the visit, normal school insurance arrangements apply. A risk assessment will be carried out for this visit and will be available for perusal if required.

If there are any changes to your child's medical or emergency contact information, please email [trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school).

If you have any questions about the trip, or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me at [rashid-z@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:rashid-z@beaconsfieldhigh.school).

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Z Rashid**  
Teacher of Biology

