



A Level Biology Fieldtrip

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to confirm that the A-Level Biology Field Trip will take place from **Wednesday 16th September to Friday 18th September 2026**. Students will travel by coach to the Field Studies Centre at Juniper Hall, located next to Box Hill in Surrey. They will depart on Wednesday morning, stay overnight, and return on Thursday evening. On Friday, students will take part in a consolidation day at school, where they will be off timetable to process and complete the write-up of their fieldwork.

During the field trip, students will receive expert tuition from FSC staff, aligned to the ecological content of the OCR A-Level Biology specification. They will have access to the extensive facilities at the Field Studies Centre, including specialist equipment for experimental data collection and statistical analysis. The diverse local environment provides an excellent setting for ecological investigation enabling students to complete four Practical Assessment Group (PAG) activities required for the practical endorsement part of the OCR A Level specification.

Although this visit is not a compulsory part of the school syllabus, we strongly encourage students to attend. Those who participate typically develop a deeper and broader understanding of ecological principles, which are assessed in the written examinations.

The total cost of the trip is **£268.00**, which includes coach travel, tuition, accommodation, and meals at the FSC (excluding lunch on the first day).

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 **£168.00** via SCOPAY (www.scopay.com/beaconsfield) by **1st March 2026**. (All payments are non-refundable unless we can replace your child's place on the trip).

The remaining balance of **£100.00** is due by 1st June 2026.

Please note if there are insufficient contributions, the Trip may not take place.

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.

We look forward to welcoming your child on the trip and will provide further details regarding timings and equipment during the summer term.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Illingworth-Law
Head of Biology