



9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 10 Triple Biology GCSE Fieldwork trip to Malham Tarn**

As part of our commitment to extracurricular activities and providing opportunities to promote interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects within school, I am very pleased to inform you that on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June we are offering a one-day Biology fieldwork trip to all Year 10 Triple Science students. The course will take place at FSC Malham Tarn activity centre and will help cover the ecology components of the GCSE Biology specification.

The course has the following main aims:

- To cover key terminology including understanding trophic levels and energy transfer in ecosystems
- To carry out a GCSE required practical looking at the abundance of different species in an ecosystem
- To stimulate an interest in Environmental Biology

The course will run between 10am-3pm, so we will be departing from school via coach at 8am and will return by approximately 5pm. Therefore, your child will need to arrange to be dropped off and picked up from school accordingly.

Your child will need to attend in suitable clothing (not school uniform and no sandals). If the ground is likely to be muddy, please bring spare shoes or wellingtons in a plastic bag for the coach and if it is sunny, please bring sun cream.

Your child should not bring any valuables including mobile phones or money. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch, however if your child is eligible for free school meals a lunch will be provided.

If your child's medical details determine that they need medication, such as an inhaler, please ensure that they bring them on the trip and carry them at all times.

The cost of the trip is £31 per child which will cover the costs of travel, admission to the centre and tuition by centre staff. This can be paid via our online payment system, ParentPay with a deadline of 27th May. By using ParentPay you are also giving your consent for your child to attend. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash or cheque payments. We would like all children to participate in this trip, if you have difficulty in contributing, please contact the Finance Office on 0161 482 6900.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [s.rowley@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:s.rowley@stjamesheadle.co.uk).

Yours faithfully  
Miss Rowley

Science Teacher