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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 12 Biology Field Trip 2022: Monday 1st May – Wednesday 3rd May 2023

With the Biology field trip fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to provide more details of the itinerary for the trip and a kit list of what the students will need to bring with them. The programme of events (though subject to change due to external conditions such as tides) will include 3 off site fieldwork opportunities:

Monday pm: Stream ecology on the River Wey, travel by coach.

Tuesday full day: Psammoseral succession at Studland, journeying by coach, followed by the climbing activity back at the PGL site.

Wednesday am: Marine zonation on the rocky shore, walkable from the centre.

In addition to the fieldwork, students will have classroom sessions in the evening to process their data and prepare to write up their required practical, before free time in the evening to relax. All meals will be provided by PGL except for lunch on the day of arrival, so it is important the students bring a packed lunch for the Monday.

Monday 1st May departure: students to be at school **by 7.40am** for a prompt departure at 8.00am. *Please note this is a Bank holiday so if arriving by public transport, timetables will be different.*

Wednesday 3rd May return: coach will be leaving PGL at 2.00pm so estimated return to Sandringham **between 5.00 and 6.00pm.**

Essential kit list (in addition to normal expectations of personal clothing/toiletries needed for a residential trip)

- Pillow and pillow case
- Sleeping bag or duvet (with cover)

NB: a bottom sheet only will be provided by the centre

- Towel and personal wash kit/toiletries
- Personal medicines



- Wellie boots (for working in the stream) or other alternative footwear suitable for getting wet
- Walking boots/trainers suitable for working on rocky shore and sand dunes (for safety and as they may get dirty/wet, please do not bring favourite or fashion footwear)
- Comfortable clothes for working outside (might be cold and windy by the coast) and if warm, similar expectations in terms of modesty as for a non-uniform day in school. Please remember you are representing Sandringham School. Bring changes of clothes in case of getting wet (and plastic bag to store wet items in)
- Hat/sunscreen in case weather is hot and sunny
- Layers/waterproof in case weather is not hot and sunny!
- Small backpack
- Packed lunch for the Monday (first meal provided by PGL will be dinner Monday evening)
- A reusable water container for whilst we are out in the field
- Stationary for classroom sessions/fieldwork: Paper, pens, pencils, ruler, calculator, clip board (if you have one)

In addition, students may want to bring flip flops/sliders for wearing around the PGL site and a torch is sometimes useful. A small amount of money may be useful for snacks/drinks or forgotten items as there is a small shop on site and the coach may stop at the Services on the journeys.

If there are any changes to your child's medical or dietary requirements that the school is not already aware of, please contact me as soon as possible by email laura.bonass@sandringham.herts.sch.uk or by calling the school so we can make any suitable adjustments. Additionally, if you would like to discuss any concerns or feel there is information the accompanying staff should be aware of, please let me know.

Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school before the trip and whilst away. There will be zero tolerance with any student found in possession or under the influence of alcohol, cigarettes/vapes or recreational/illegal drugs. If this is found to be the case, the student will require collection from the centre and will not be able to participate in the fieldwork, therefore preventing completion of the practical that is a requirement of the AQA A-level practical endorsement.

In advance of the trip, **the attached parental consent form must be completed and returned back to the school** as soon as possible. Please return this either by email to laura.bonass@sandringham.hert.sch.uk or printed copy handed to Miss Bonass in school. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to attend the trip.

I hope your child is looking forward to the field trip.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Bonass
Head of Biology