

5 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Residential Biology A-Level Field Trip to Slapton Ley, Devon

As part of the A level biology course, students will be studying ecology and conservation and we would like to invite our biology students to a residential visit to the Field Study Centre in Devon. This will give students the opportunity to practise some of the sampling methods studied in their lessons in a new environment and apply a variety of statistical methods to analyse the data collected. Students may also have an opportunity to collect suitable data for their independent biology project. We will spend one day at the Eden Project, attending two workshops looking at ecology and conservation internationally; also components of the A level specification.

The cost of this trip will be £400 which includes transportation by minibus to the Field Study Centre, accommodation with full board, teaching by the field study staff and the day visit to the Eden project.

The visit is planned for Monday 9 July to Friday 13 July 2018. We will leave Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form at 6.00am on Monday morning and return to school Friday evening, about 7.00pm.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the visit, please complete the attached permission slip and consent form and return them to the sixth form together with £100 deposit by Friday 20 October 2017. Cheques should be made payable to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form and the student's name and "biology field trip" should be written on the reverse. As we no longer accept cash payments, payment may also be made through ParentPay online; please let us know if you would like us to set this up for you. The remaining cost can be paid in instalments, with all monies to be received six weeks prior to departure.

Suggested payment plans and deadlines:

6 monthly payments of £43 and a final payment of £42, paid by the end of each month (December to May).

3 half termly payments of £100, paid at the end of each half term.

25 weekly payments of £11.50 and a final payment of £12.50; paid at the end of each week term time.

No student will be excluded from this trip on the grounds of cost alone, and parents/carers who would like their son/daughter to take part but who may be experiencing financial difficulties at the present time, should contact Mrs Drew in the Finance Office, sarah.drew@notleyhigh.com.

Students will need to take a packed lunch and drinks for the journey and some money to buy snacks or drinks when we stop on the way home and at the Eden project. If travel sickness medication is required, please ensure this is taken prior to boarding the coach and the return dosage is given to your son/daughter.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Vosper
Director of Science