



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## A Level Biology trip to Juniper Hall, Dorking - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

It is with great pleasure I am writing to confirm the details of the Biology Field Trip for our A-level students. The course is a residential ecology course, working with the Field Studies Council at Juniper Hall, <http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/londonregion/juniperhall.aspx>

The course is an opportunity for students to gain valuable hands-on experience of key ecology concepts and skills needed to carry out studies in the field in line with Module 4, Biodiversity and PAG 3/10 of the new OCR A Level Biology Specification A. Importantly all students will carry out statistical tests on their own sampling which will help to cement their understanding of the increased statistical tests required in this new syllabus. This visit to one of Britain's leading field study centres will also help inspire the students at a key time in their studies. It will provide expert tuition on a topic that is best taught in the raw, with students getting muddy, wet or whatever it takes to study some of Britain's special ecosystems.

Leaving school at about 8am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, we arrive at Juniper Hall in time for lunch and the course will start that afternoon with the first lessons. The sessions will build theory alongside practical skills with a mixture of outdoor and indoor lessons, led by the expert staff of the Field Studies Council. Wednesday will see the students complete their practical assessments before returning home in the afternoon. Transport to and from the field centre will be in a mini bus with an accredited driver and transport during the course will be in the same minibus or with Field Studies Council vehicles.

The total cost for the course is **£240.00** per student, which covers all transport, tuition, food, insurance, equipment, course costs and lodging for the two nights. Parents are required to make a payment of **£200.00** to cover board and lodgings. The remaining amount of **£40.00** covers the cost of travel and activities / teaching and this amount is requested as a voluntary payment. Unfortunately, though, the reality is that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are made the trip will not be able to take place.

**"This is an OUTSTANDING school" - Ofsted 2016**



Please complete the reply slip below, indicating that you would like your daughter/son to attend the trip along with a non-refundable deposit of **£50** which is required by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. The balance of **£190** will be required in two instalments, **£95.00** by the end of November 2018 and **£95.00** by the end of January 2019, unless payment for the full amount is more convenient.

BHGS pupils should pay via WisePay. Visiting students should please pay by cheque (made payable to Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School); or cash (please present this in person at the Finance Office and ask for a receipt. We cannot be held responsible for loss of cash for which no receipt has been given).

If your daughter/son is unable to attend the course, then an opportunity to complete necessary assessed practical elements of the course will be provided in school as far as is possible, but out of normal school hours. However, full course coverage may be difficult to arrange.

Thank you for your support and if you have any queries about the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Dr A Bune**  
A level Biology Teacher

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**Reply slip - please return to the Finance Office by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Failure to meet this deadline may mean that your daughter/son will not be considered for a place on this trip. If we do not receive a reply by this deadline we will assume that you do not give permission for your daughter/son to attend.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the appropriate box and complete:

I give permission for my daughter/son to attend the A Level Biology trip to Juniper Hall from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (NB – payment on Wisepay is taken as also giving permission for your daughter/son to attend)

I have paid using Wisepay / I enclose a remittance of £\_\_\_\_\_\*. I understand that this money is non-refundable in the event of my daughter/son being unable to attend. (\* please delete as applicable)

I do not give permission for my daughter/son to attend this trip. I understand that she/he must attend school on these days and will be expected to complete subject linked work.

Please state any medical conditions your daughter/son may suffer from:

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Signed Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_