



The Sixth Form

February 2024

Dear Year 12 Parents and Carers

A Level Biology Fieldwork Course, Leeson House, Swanage, 15th- 16th July 2024

I am pleased to write with details of the residential Biology Fieldwork Course running from Monday 15th July to Tuesday 16th July.

The cost is **£125** to be paid in four equal instalments as follows, a payment item will be made available shortly:

6 th March 2024	£31.25
6 th April 2024	£31.25
6 th May 2024	£31.25
6 th June 2024	£31.25

Transport will be by 2 school minibuses and students can depart from either school site.

Monday 15th July

- Leave Beaminster School at 8:45am from the parking bay in front of the 6th Form block.
- Drive to Bridport departing from the drop-off in front of The Sir John Colfox Academy at 9am.
- Meet at River Piddle for freshwater sampling of invertebrates to collect data for PAG 3.1.
- Drive over to Studland beach for lunch.
- Studland transects – data collection for PAG 3.2.
- Evening meal at 6pm.
- Evening session follow up – data analysis Kite diagram for Studland data and Spearman's Rank.

Tuesday 16th July

- Moths, mammals, possible bird ringing demo.
- Onsite small/independent investigation eg dog's mercury and light levels, lichen spp and light levels, soil compaction and species abundance.
- Data collection for PAG 3.3.
- Finish writing up, depart by 4pm.
- Return home around 5-5:30pm. Students will be dropped off in Bridport first before going back to Beaminster.

I have also included a kit list supplied by Leeson House.

It is important that all students are properly equipped and appropriately dressed for whatever the weather may be as we will be outside for most of both days.

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A waterproof coat is essential (whatever the forecast), and students will be working in a stream, so wellington boots are also required.

Although the kit list does suggest jeans, I would strongly advise against them, denim becomes very heavy when wet, and takes a very long time to dry out. A pair of quicker drying walking trousers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms would be a better choice.

IMPORTANT NOTE In order to keep costs down, students need to bring their own bedding – sheet, duvet cover and pillowcase.

Students should bring a small day pack for the first day, including a packed lunch and refillable water bottle. The rest of their luggage should be in a separate bag which will remain on the minibus while we are doing the fieldwork. Whilst it is important to bring the required items, please do try to keep packing to a minimum, we are only staying for one night!

Leeson House have a code of conduct for visiting groups, which I have included below:

Leeson House Code of Conduct for visiting Secondary/University Groups

Our Code of Behaviour is based on mutual respect while safely having fun trying new learning experiences. We reserve the right to ask a school to leave if any student is deemed overly disruptive, dangerous or affects the general enjoyment of other visitors.

Behaviour deemed inappropriate, but not limited to:

- Bullying, to include but not restricted to: physical assault, teasing, making threats, name calling, cyberbullying
- Leaving the site unless accompanied by a member of school staff
- Threatening behaviour, offensive language to other guests or Leeson House staff
- Consumption of alcohol
- Suspected involvement with illegal drugs
- Smoking by students
- Entering the accommodation area used by the opposite sex
- Any sexual activity
- Wilfully leaving the main house without good reason after lights out
- Theft, vandalism, deliberate damage to property
- Accessing and/or publishing inappropriate or offensive content on the internet/social media.

Finally, and most importantly we would not wish anyone to miss out on this opportunity, so if you have any concerns about payment please contact your Heads of Sixth Form for information about bursaries and other financial assistance available for post-16 students at Beaminster School and The Sir John Colfox Academy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the trip
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Kind regards

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