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Dear Parents/Carers

A LEVEL BIOLOGY FIELD COURSE – ANGLESEY 2 - 4 JULY 2018

I am writing to confirm the details of the residential A-level Biology Field Course to Anglesey from 2 -4 July 2018. It is a joint visit with the Biology & Art department this year in an attempt to reduce costs. This Biology field course provides students with a significant introduction to

A-level practical field work techniques as well as related topics and as such, it is expected that all students considering continuing with A2 Biology will attend.

We will depart Helsby High School at 8:45am on Monday 2 July, travelling by minibus. We will be visiting the Anglesey Sea Zoo as an introduction to the sea life found along the coast, and then arrive at Ty'n-y-felin Residential Education Centre, Rhoscolyn, Anglesey in the afternoon.

Our time there will be spent investigating the marine life on two nearby beaches, as well as terrestrial organisms within the grounds of the centre. The furthest beach is a 25 minute walk away across fields and through a forest. Once there, students will be exploring and collecting data from both sandy and rocky areas of the beach with guidance and tuition from their teachers. Students need to be sensible and careful at all times, and follow all safety instructions precisely. Appropriate clothing and footwear will be needed throughout the visit.

Practical and classroom-based study sessions will be used to introduce the students to many of the practical, data-handling and statistical techniques which are used in the A-level Biology course and which also form part of the A2 end of year final assessment. We will also be studying various aspects of marine inter-tidal zone ecology and relating these to relevant aspects of the A-level specification.

On Wednesday 4 July we return by minibus, visiting the sand dune systems at Aberffraw to study succession, before returning to school in time for the school buses at the end of the school day.

Students will be given a full information pack detailing all aspects of the course closer to the time. This will contain a timetable and contact details page which should be left with parents/carers.

Could you initially please return the attached medical form with a non-refundable deposit of £50 before Friday 28 April to confirm attendance (Please write the student's name and form onto the reverse of the cheque). I anticipate the total cost to be estimated at £110, but this will be dependent on exact final numbers. I will then request the second payment before Friday 1 June. The money covers all transport, insurance, visits, meals and accommodation costs over the three day course.



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We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the visit as without such contributions the trip cannot run. If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the residential visit but would find it difficult to meet the full cost, please contact your son/daughter’s Year Leader in the first instance as some funds may be available via the Chairman’s Trust. Please note, however, that priority is likely to be given to students in receipt of Free School Meals or 16-19 year Bursary.

Please direct any specific questions via your son/daughter or directly to me at school rparkes@helsbyhigh.org

Yours faithfully

R Parkes (Dr)
Biology Department

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Please return reply slip to: Mrs Darlington Biology Department Helsby High School. A LEVEL ANGLESEY BIOLOGY FIELD COURSE ; 2 – 4 JULY 2018

Name of Student: Form:.....

I do / do not give permission for my son / daughter to attend the Anglesey Biology trip.

I enclosed £50.00 deposit cheque. (Cheques should be made payable to Helsby High School with your child’s name, form and trip name written on the back).

I understand the deposit is non-refundable.

I enclose cash/cheque (payable to Helsby High School)	£.....
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Emergency Contact No:..... Home Tel. No:.....

Medical Information (include any allergies or currently prescribed medication):

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If a student has asthma, can parents/carers please make sure that their son/daughter has their inhaler with them for the visit.

Signed:(Parent / Carer) Date:

