October 2024

Dear parent/carer

**BIOLOGY FIELDWORK RESIDENTIAL TO THE CRANEDALE CENTRE NORTH YORKSHIRE - FRIDAY 6th JUNE – MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025**

In connection with our AQA A-Level Biology course at Walton High, we are giving Year 12 students the wonderful opportunity to visit the Cranedale Centre in Yorkshire in order to complete their ecology, sampling and farming unit of work.

The trip will enable students to acquire further relevant practical skills necessary for the endorsed practical competencies, which is an essential element of the A-Level course. Some of the activities to be undertaken include an owl pellet dissection, the setting of humane animal traps and the completion of transects using quadrats along the beach at Filey Brigg. The website for the Cranedale Centre is <http://www.cranedale.com>. Please feel free to have a look at the facilities online.

We have completed previous fieldwork here for several years and the visit is thoroughly worthwhile and rewarding for all students who attend. The provision offered by the centre is fantastic and the staff who run the sessions are experts in this field.

The approximate full cost of the four-day visit will be **£376** per student. This includes three nights’ full board accommodation at the Cranedale Centre, (from arrival on the Friday evening until Monday leaving at 4pm), coach transport to and from School, daily field work led by experienced staff from the centre, transport to the field work locations and insurance.

We would like to stress that although the fieldwork trip to Yorkshire is not compulsory, it cannot run without a sufficient number of students attending. It has been fully tailored to our specific requirements and matches the AQA biology course. Students will have the opportunity to carry out field work in some fantastic locations rather than just on the school site.

If your child would like to attend, please return the reply slip and pay an initial deposit of **£150** (via Parentpay) by Friday 6th December 2024. The remaining balance will need to be received by 10th March 2025. Smaller payments can be made at any time and/ or a final lump sum, you can do this by typing the amount you would like to pay into the ‘Cranedale’ option on Parent Pay. If there are any queries regarding the trip or payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that we currently have 30 places available on this trip to allow accurate budgeting, and these will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. If we have further interest beyond these 30 places, we may be able to add additional students at a later date.

All bona fide educational visits by the Academy are covered by the academy’s public liability insurance, as are all in-school activities. This visit is considered to have only normal everyday risks and no further insurance has been provided.

Yours faithfully

**Miss H Merrick**

**Trip organiser**

**BIOLOGY FIELD WORK RESIDENTIAL TO NORTH YORKSHIRE**

**FRIDAY 6th JUNE to MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025**

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the visit.

I understand that at times during the trip, my son/daughter may be left un-supervised.

**Medical details for residential visit**

I understand that comprehensive medical details must be entered on a medical form to be completed not more than seven days before the visit. I give the following prior notification of any medical or special needs information that staff or insurers may need to know about:

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I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

I have made payment of the deposit of £150 (via my parent pay account)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

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