

11th June, 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian

GCSE Biology / Science Field Course – Slimbridge, Tuesday 3rd July

I am very pleased to inform you that this year we are offering a one-day Biology field course, on Tuesday 3rd July, to all of Year 10. The course will take place at Slimbridge Wetlands Centre and will help cover the ecology component of the GCSE Biology specification. The course has the following main aims:

- To cover essential parts of the theory
- To carry out required ecology practical tasks
- To stimulate an interest in Environmental Biology

We will be departing from the school at 8.50am and will return by 3.30pm. Students will need to bring a **packed lunch, drink, waterproofs** (in case of rain) and sunscreen lotion (if appropriate) as they will be outside for the majority of the day. They need to wear suitable clothing for fieldwork (not school uniform and no sandals please). If the ground is likely to be very muddy we will ask them to bring spare shoes or wellingtons in a plastic bag. They must also bring a **pen and pencil** and a clipboard if they have one.

In order for the trip to take place, it must be self-financing, and so we invite you to make a contribution of £15.00* to cover the costs of travel, admission to the Wetlands Centre and tuition by centre staff. I would be grateful if you could return the consent slip to **the Finance Office** by Monday, 18th June. If you choose not to pay via the online facility, please include cash or a cheque with the consent form, in an envelope marked Slimbridge and with your child's name and form.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Zurick
Head of Biology

*Parents on low incomes and in receipt of certain benefits (see School's Charging and Remission Policy) may contact the School for support in meeting the cost. If parents are unable to make the contribution their child will not necessarily be excluded from the visit but it may be cancelled if there are insufficient voluntary contributions.



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Sir Thomas Rich's School: Consent - Off-site Visits (inc. personal & medical information)

The information being collected on this form is important to ensure that appropriate care and support is available for your child on school visits. We handle all data you provide to us in line with Data Protection Legislation and our own Data Protection Policy.

Description and date of visit:

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Name of participant: _____ Form: _____

Pupil Mobile No.: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency contact number(s): _____

If your child has any medical conditions and/or is taking any medication at present, please give details below:

Payment

☐ I include payment of **£15**

☐ I have paid online

Parental consent

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

IF YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW YOUR CONSENT, PLEASE CONTACT trips@strs.org.uk.

Thank you