



February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## YEAR 13 BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

The Biology department is organising a field trip to the Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire. The trip relates directly to the A Level course, where students will have access to facilities and equipment in order to complete field work that we do not have available in school. This will include conducting rocky shore ecology at Filey bay, seeing real life examples of succession and investigating the impact of human activity on ecosystems and climate change. The field work contributes to a core practical required to pass the practical assessment element of the A level. Students will find it difficult to progress through year 13 Biology without attending. However, if any student has doubts then they should attend the trip, but must be aware that any deposit paid is non-refundable and that parents will be liable for any cancellation charges that are incurred should their son/daughter withdraw from the trip once the deposit has been paid.

The cost of the three-day trip is estimated to be approximately **£385**, depending on numbers. In accordance with the Governors' policy on charging this must be met by voluntary contributions from parents/carers. The cost includes travel by coach, full-board accommodation, tuition and insurance.

If your son/daughter would like to participate in this trip, please secure their place by completing the google form [HERE](#) to give your permission and paying a non-refundable deposit of **£100** via Parentpay **no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. **Please ensure that you complete the medical/dietary questions on Parentpay, relevant for this trip only.**

The remaining payments for this trip will be due as follows:

Second Instalment: £140 by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Final payment: £145 (tbc) by 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Support with Trip Costs

We understand that the cost of residential educational trips can be a significant financial challenge for some families. The James Marshall Foundation (JMF) is a local charity, that provides grants towards the cost of education and career-related opportunities for financially disadvantaged young people between the ages of 4 and 24 years. JMF can help those **living** in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Redbourn, Kimpton, Markyate and Flamstead.

Please note that funding is only available for residential trips, not day trips, and the grant will be a contribution rather than the full cost. Applications can be made online via the James Marshall Foundation website, and the charity aims to respond within two weeks.

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If you live outside of these areas and would like to discuss funding options or a payment plan, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office ([finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk)) no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### **SEND Support for this trip**

If your child has additional needs and you are concerned about their attendance on this trip, then please get in touch with Mrs Hall at the earliest convenience. We are fully committed to ensuring that all of our students can participate in trips, regardless of their individual circumstances and will provide support and reasonable adjustments as required, to make this possible.

If your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you will be liable for any payments due unless a replacement is found or a supplier refund is made.

Please be aware that any cancellation must be put in writing and sent to the Finance Office. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

If you have any queries relating to this trip, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Connor.

With kind regards,

Cara Manton

Residential Trips Coordinator

