



3 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Biology Field Trip - Monday 22 June to Wednesday 24 June 2026

The Biology Department is delighted to be able to offer all our Year 12 Biology students the opportunity to visit Nettlecombe Court Field Studies Centre for a residential field trip from Monday 22 June 2026 to Wednesday 24 June 2026.

The Nettlecombe Court Field Studies Centre is on the edge of Exmoor National Park and provides a unique opportunity for students to practise their fieldwork techniques, including habitat surveys and using transects to study succession. Students will also complete two of the A Level Required Practical Tasks. These are vital assessed components of the A Level specification. They will be taught by specialists in Ecology and Conservation. Students will have the opportunity to visit a range of differing sites to investigate rocky shore, freshwater and grassland habitats.

The trip will leave school at **7.00am on Monday 22 June 2025** and return at approximately **7.00pm on Wednesday 24 June 2025**. As the return time is after the end of the school day, it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to arrange transport home from the Academy.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the outward journey. Students should also bring appropriate clothing for working in the field, including hiking boots/ stout footwear and waterproofs. A full kit list will be provided by the Field Studies Centre nearer the time of the trip.

The Visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for students in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carers you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

The total cost of this trip is £385 and payment for this trip must be made using the MyChildAtSchool App. The trip will be available on the My Child At School App **from 8.00am on Thursday 23 October 2025**. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

The payment schedule for the deposit and remaining balance is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Thursday 23 October 2025	£150	
Friday 30 January 2026	£135	
Friday 6 March 2026	£100	
		£385

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As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel. The date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Bromcom. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or office@kowessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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