

8<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Dear Parents/Guardian

**Re: Biology Field Trip – 31<sup>st</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

As you may know from the information given out at the end of Year 11, most of the Ecology section of Biology IB (Standard and Higher) & A2 is covered on a residential field trip. This provides an invaluable opportunity to cover this subject material and to have an opportunity to complete an assessed task in both of the courses.

The field trip runs from Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010. We will be based in the Orierton Field Centre in Pembrokeshire, Wales, and will be travelling there by coach leaving from Central Drive at 9:45am Sunday morning, returning to St Albans Friday afternoon. There will be three members of staff accompanying the trip but the field centre staff will be running the week while we are down there. I will provide you with more detailed information nearer the time but two things to mention now are:

- All students will need to ensure that their Tetanus vaccination is up-to-date.
- All students will require full waterproofs (jacket and trousers) as we will be outside in all weather. Should you wish, these can be hired from the centre at a cost of approximately £5 per week.

As we have to make payment to the field centre in early September, we will require a cheque for their charges, £300, by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We are unable to calculate the cost of transport to the field centre and back, and around the area during the visit, until we have exact numbers of those going. As a rough guide, last year this was approximately £100 per person. We will write to you again in September requesting this second payment when we have final numbers.

Unfortunately, we are not able to meet either of these costs from our own funds, and the visit will only be able to go ahead if parents are prepared to make a voluntary contribution of the full cost to school funds. However, if all parents are not prepared to make this contribution then the visit may not be able to take place for any of the students. If you are in receipt of income support or other benefits it may be possible for some financial assistance to be provided. Please contact the school in confidence before the trip deadline.

I should be grateful if you would complete the attached form and return it to the Finance Office with the first payment of £300 at the start of next term, and no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Please send your money or cheque, payable to Beaumont School, together with the completed form, in a sealed envelope with your son/daughter's name and title of the trip clearly written on it. This should be posted in the appropriate box outside the Finance Office. *Please note that the form must be completed in full and signed by the student & parent/guardian in the appropriate places.*

If you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to phone me.

Yours sincerely

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