



September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: A Level Biology to Flatford Mill 7th – 9th July 2027

The A level Biology course requires students to study topics such as biodiversity, ecosystems, population and sustainability; emphasis is placed on developing skills for ecological studies and statistical analysis in a natural environment as part of their Biology examination in summer 2028. We have, therefore, arranged a visit to Flatford Mill Field Centre, East Bergholt, Suffolk from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th July 2027. This is a **compulsory** field trip for all students considering continuing with A level Biology. Students who do not attend the field trip may not be able to continue into A2 Biology as we are not able to offer this part of the curriculum in school.

The field course will support the teaching of A level Biology for the OCR specification and students will be made familiar not only with identification, fieldwork and data collection techniques, but will also be encouraged to consider the kind of data that can be obtained and the graphical and statistical procedures that may be used to present and interpret them. All sites have prior access agreement and have been risk assessed to ensure safety. Further information on the centre can be found at [Flatford Mill – Field Studies Council](#)

The field centre is run by the FSC (Field Studies Council) and is surrounded by several hectares of National Nature Reserve; this provides access to a wide range of habitats from rocky and sheltered shorelines and maritime shingle ridges to wetland including the open water and deciduous woodland. In addition to expert tuition, the centre boasts workrooms, ICT facilities, a student common room, datasets, library and access to a full range of fieldwork and laboratory equipment.

The total cost of the field course, including travel and insurance, will be £383.00 per person. To reserve a place on the course it is essential that the deposit is paid no later than Friday 6th November 2026. A deposit of £100 should be made via Parent Pay by crediting the account 'SC12 Biology-A level Field Trip'. A further payment of £283.00 should be made by Friday 12th March 2027 to ensure that we can make the full payment to the study centre (you may choose to pay this amount in smaller instalments, but the full amount should be paid by the final date of 12th March 2027).



The school reserves the right to refuse payment or subsequently withdraw this offer where there is reason to suggest that a student's participation may prejudice the safety or good conduct of the trip. Should the school cancel the trip for any reason, a full refund will be made, however, all monies are non-refundable if you cancel the place.

Further details and preparation guidelines for the visit will be provided closer to the time. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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