



# Dream Believe Achieve

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Biology Fieldwork Trip, Year 12, Anglesey Wales, Monday 1st- Wednesday 3rd June 2026**

As part of the Biology A level course, students must have the opportunity to undertake fieldwork to gain information, knowledge and skills for their A level exams, as well as being a crucial part of the assessed practical coursework.

To ensure a wide variety of experience, a residential field trip to Anglesey has been organised for all year 12 biology students. This trip will meet the exam board recommendation for 3 days of fieldwork and will provide all the necessary data and experience to excel at the A level assessment. Whilst doing this, I also aim to give students a taster of what University life is all about. Students will have the opportunity to stay in Bangor Halls of Residence and will have to budget for, buy and cook meals as a small group within their Halls' building, whilst completing coursework. **Please note**, students will be staying in mixed flats consisting of a maximum of 8 ensuite bedrooms, each with their own lock. Only individual students will have access to their own bedroom. A member of school staff will be responsible for a maximum of two flats each and will also be sleeping overnight in one of the ensuite bedrooms. All flats are within the same building and accessible by members of staff.

The cost of the trip is **£212** per student. This includes coach travel, insurance, field equipment, accommodation and food. A kit list (clothes etc) will be emailed in the summer term.

The table below is a provisional itinerary for the trip and is subject to change. A finalised itinerary will be emailed nearer the time:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Breakfast	At home	Students to provide their breakfast from their food budget	Students to provide their breakfast from their food budget
AM	Arrive at school 7.30am	Essential fieldwork as part of the assessed practical criteria. This	Further essential fieldwork as part of the assessed practical

	<p><b>Depart Sponne 8.00am</b></p> <p>Travel about 3½ hours. 1 stop at a service station.</p>	<p>will involve comparing the ecology of a rocky (Eglwys Cwyfan) vs. sandy (Traeth Mawr) shoreline.</p>	<p>criteria. This will involve comparing the ecology of a sheltered vs. unsheltered shoreline (Porth Tre Castell).</p>
Lunch	<p><b>Packed lunch from home</b></p>	<p>Beach games and lunch. Students to pack their own lunch from their food budget</p>	<p>Students to pack their own lunch from their food budget</p>
PM	<p>Tesco food shop. Students will be given a very small budget, from which they will plan meals for the 3 days.</p> <p>Visit to Parys Mountain, where the students will have a talk looking at the way nature has reclaimed an abandoned quarry (succession and colonisation)</p>	<p>Talk from Senior Lecturer Dr John Mulley about the methods and techniques used in the genetic manipulation of animals, and campus tour of Bangor University.</p> <p>Additional coursework of random sampling vs transect sampling (Cors Goch Nature Reserve).</p>	<p>Visit to Gwydir Natural Forest to examine and compare the ecology of a natural vs managed forest and how this affects the wildlife found in the forest.</p> <p><b>Travel back to Sponne. 1 stop at a service station Arrival at approx. 5pm</b></p>
Evening	<p>Students to cook dinner (from food budget)</p> <p>Evening lecture and walk around Bangor</p>	<p>Students to cook dinner (from food budget)</p> <p>Evening lecture and students expected to complete the coursework write up from the days activities</p>	

We kindly request that by securing a place on this trip, parents/carers are in agreement to follow the Payment Plan detailed below. It is important that the Plan is adhered to as it enables the School to be able to fulfil an arranged

commitment to pay invoices in instalments. It is also designed to spread the cost for parents before the final date so that a large sum does not become due in one instalment.

The Payment Plan is as follows:

**£71 by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**£71 by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**  
**£70 by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**  
**Making a total of £212**

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However, if this is not possible, we will be unable to refund the cost of the trip.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary, no refunds of monies paid will be forthcoming.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any students eligible for the Post 16 Bursary may use this to offset the cost of the trip and should contact Sarah White, on [swhite@sponne.org.uk](mailto:swhite@sponne.org.uk) or on ext 7119 at the school for further information.

The trip is now open and active on TSCO Scopay for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to go on this trip, click on the name of the trip, enter the payment amount, add to basket and proceed to payment. Payment may be made in full or as per the Payment Plan detailed above. Please note that making payment is also taken as granting consent to attend. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip. All payments for school trips/events are non-refundable unless otherwise stated.

All payments should be made via TSCO Scopay. If you require any assistance, please contact the Trip Administrator on 01327 350284.

This letter is now on the School Website - Key Information, Parents, Letters Home, Year 12.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Harrison Woods  
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