



# Bottisham Village College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## GCSE Biology Trip - RHS Wisley 12 and 13 June 2023

| Summary of action(s) required   | Dates                  |
|---|------------------------|
| Sign up for this trip by paying £18 on WisePay.   | <b>Friday 10 March</b> |
| Indicate on WisePay whether your child is eligible for a free school meal and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for them. | <b>Friday 10 March</b> |
| Apply for financial assistance, if applicable   | <b>Friday 3 March</b>  |
| Arrange transport for students dropping off at BVC at <b>7.15am</b> and collecting at <b>5.00pm</b> from BVC on our return.                 | <b>June</b>            |

The Science Faculty is arranging for all Year 9 pupils to go on a field trip to RHS Wisley. This trip will support and enhance GCSE studies. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is the world's leading gardening charity: a key element of their work is the education of young people.

### Why is it important that my child attends this trip?

During the trip, students will be attending sessions on aspects of the Biology GCSE syllabus. We would therefore like as many Year 9 students as can be accommodated by RHS Wisley to go on this trip, so that their understanding of syllabus topics can be enhanced. The sessions will include information on plant diseases, plant defences and how plant disease can impact the agricultural industry as well as home gardeners. We will also look at the pros and cons of clonal monoculture using bananas as a case study and then students will have the opportunity to clone a plant themselves which they are then able to bring home to care for. The students will also discuss human disease and how plants are related to our own health through medicines, diet, and emotional wellbeing.

### When will this trip take place?

This trip will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 12 June for Y-band students**  
**Tuesday 13 June for X-band students.**

Students will need to arrive at Bottisham Village College at 7.15am for a 7.30am departure. We will then travel to RHS Wisley by coach.

We will arrive back at Bottisham Village College at approximately 5.00pm. **Students will need to have transport arranged to collect them from school.**

### What does the trip price include?

- Transport to and from RHS Wisley
- Entrance into RHS Wisley





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- An interactive workshop whilst at RHS Wisley

## What does my child need to wear and bring with them on the trip?

Students will need to wear full school uniform on the trip. We are outside for a large amount of the day so please make sure they have a coat with them for warmth (and potentially to keep them dry if it is raining!). Students will need to bring with them a packed lunch. If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like the school to provide a packed lunch for them, please indicate this on WisePay when you register for the trip.

## How much does this trip cost and what to do next?

The price of this trip is dependent on the number of students signing up to it. We are launching this trip at £18 per student.

All you have to do now is pay the £18 contribution on WisePay by **Friday 10 March 2023**. Should a student withdraw from this activity we reserve the right to deduct any expenses incurred before making a refund.

*There is a maximum of 140 students able to go per day on this trip due to group size limitations at RHS Wisley. If we exceed this, we will need to do a random allocation for the places available. If we do not receive sufficient numbers for this trip, we will be forced to cancel the trip due to insufficient funds for the coach travel. Should this happen, all money will be refunded back to you.*

**If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or pupil premium entitlements, you are entitled to some financial assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact [trips@bottishamvc.org](mailto:trips@bottishamvc.org) in writing by Friday 3 March, to ascertain what support is available.**

If the behaviour of a student becomes a cause for concern at any stage prior to the commencement of this trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the student from the event.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable Year 9 science trip. We are very proud at Bottisham of our students and look forward to taking them on this field trip to help them engage with our exciting science curriculum.

Yours sincerely

**Miss H Tydeman**  
Teacher of Science