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Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Biology Trip - RHS Wisley Wednesday 5 June 2024

Summary of action(s) required	Dates
Sign up for this trip by paying £23 on WisePay.	Friday 29 March
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.	Friday 29 March
Apply for financial assistance, if applicable	Monday 25 March
Arrange transport for students dropping off at BVC at 7.15am and collecting at 5.00pm from BVC on our return.	Wednesday 5 June

The Science Faculty is offering the opportunity for Year 9 pupils to go on a field trip to RHS Wisley in June 2024.

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. 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:

Wednesday 5 June 2024

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.**





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What does the trip price include?

- Transport to and from RHS Wisley
- Entrance into RHS Wisley
- 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 £23 per student.

All you have to do now is pay the £23 contribution on WisePay by **Friday 31 March 2024**. 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 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 in writing by Monday 25 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

Mr P Knox
Teacher of Science