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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 13 Biology Visit to Belmont Estate, Watercress Farm
Tuesday 06 October 2026

I am writing to inform you about an exciting educational visit for Year 13 Biology students to **Watercress Farm at Belmont Estate, Wraxall**, on **Tuesday 06 October 2026**. This visit has been arranged to support students' A Level Biology studies by allowing them to observe ecological principles and environmental management in a real-world setting.

During the visit, students will explore a range of habitats and land management practices, including biodiversity, soils, ecology, climate change, rewilding and organic farming. The experience will provide valuable context for several aspects of the A Level specification and help students apply their classroom learning to a working environment.

Students will meet in school as normal and, accompanied by staff, will walk from Backwell School, taking footpaths through fields, to Belmont Estate. The visit will take place during the school day, and students will return to school in time for afternoon lessons. Students should bring a morning snack and a packed lunch to eat whilst there. ***Please ensure no nuts are brought on the trip due to nut allergies.***

There is no cost to parents or carers for this trip

What students need to bring

As we will be outdoors throughout the visit, students should bring/wear:

- Long trousers
- Long-sleeved top
- Sturdy footwear (ideally waterproof walking shoes or boots)
- A waterproof coat
- Additional warm clothing if weather conditions require it
- A packed lunch and water bottle

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Consent and Medical Information

Please complete the consent via MSForm Y13 Biology - Belmont Estate trip – Fill in form by Thursday 01 October.

If there have been any changes to your child's medical information or emergency contact details, please ensure these are updated with the school. If your young person has any key medication, such as an asthma inhaler or Epipen etc, please sure they take a spare and that staff are aware of where the spare is kept.

Should you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Howe
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