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# Ripon Grammar School

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13th January 2020

## Biology Residential Trip to Edinburgh 25-26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of your son/daughter's A Level biology course, they will have to learn about the processes and examples of conservation in-situ and ex-situ. In addition, they will be learning next year about cloning techniques and biotechnologies. To assist the students in gaining a better understanding of these key principles and to enrich their course, we have organized a residential trip to Edinburgh which takes place on **Thursday 25 June – Friday 26 June, 2020.**

During this trip, we will be visiting Edinburgh Zoo where the students will attend a lecture on conservation of biodiversity, and have the opportunity to see the pandas on loan from China to experience ex-situ conservation in practice. On the second day we will visit the Rosalin Institute, famous for being the research centre where 'Dolly the sheep' was cloned. Here, the students will participate in a lab based practical session which will introduce them to practical skills they will need for their second year of the course, and discuss current scientific research within the field of gene technology.

The total cost of the trip is **£105 per student** which includes the following:

- Transport to and from RGS to Edinburgh
- Entrance to the Zoo, panda enclosures and lecture on the Thursday
- Entrance to the Rosalin Institute and practical activity on the Friday
- One nights accommodation in the university halls of residence
- An evening meal on the Thursday at the halls of residence
- Breakfast in the halls of residence on Friday

This promises to be a fantastic trip, and if you would like your son/daughter to attend please pay a **deposit of £25 on Parent Pay by Friday 21 February** to secure a place. We would ask that the remaining amount of **£80 be paid via Parent Pay by Friday 22 May.**

Students may wear non uniform for the duration of the trip, and will need a packed lunch for the Thursday, and some money to purchase lunch on the Friday before we return home.

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We aim to leave RGS at 06:00am on Thursday 25 June, and return to RGS at around 8pm on Friday 26 June. Please make arrangements to collect your son or daughter at this time.

Please contact me if you require any further information about the event. You can email me at [hoskinsa@ripongrammar.com](mailto:hoskinsa@ripongrammar.com) or telephone and leave a message on **01765 602647 ext. 247** and I will get back to you.

Yours sincerely,

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