



December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of a trip your child has expressed an interest in. On Tuesday 19 December, The University of Derby's School of Science is hosting a Biology Taster Day for Year 12 and 13 students interested in studying biological sciences. The event will include meeting current university students, exploring their facilities, and learning more about studying biological sciences at The University of Derby. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a lab session consisting of a microscope examination of soil and water for microplastics. As such, there will be some outdoor fieldwork on campus during the session, therefore, warm clothes, a waterproof jacket and sensible footwear for standing on soggy grass are recommended.

Students will need to meet at Sixth Form at 8.45am for registration by Miss Spencer. They will then be transported to the Kedleston Road campus via school minibus for a 9.30am start. The final activity of the day will finish at 2.30pm and students will arrive back by 3.00pm.

There is no cost for the trip and students will be presented with a lunch voucher (worth £5.00) that can be used at the main canteen hot food counter, where bakes, pastries and sandwiches are available. This voucher cannot be used in the shop, at Starbucks or Subway, but students are welcome to bring their own money to add to the voucher, or spend in any of the outlets.

Please login to ParentPay to give permission for your child to participate in this trip. Without consent we will not be able to take your child on the trip.

There are also 2 supplementary forms for students to complete as requested by The University of Derby:-

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=OrvxmPpegkelur2JfbYOYmjnnTFjO0pLmQpVfdALm21UQTlyWk9KODJTVFVKMzZOWEpLQ1pKVTIZQi4u>

https://www.emwprep-database.co.uk/collection_form.aspx?FormType=Post16&LeadProviderID=17&LeadProvider=University+of+Derby+%5b10007851%5d

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with me at jessicawright@heanorgatespencer.com

Yours sincerely

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