

Dear Parent / Guardian,

## Y13 Minsmere, Suffolk, Wednesday 10th November 2021

We are running a Geography Trip to the RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve next month as part of your son/daughter's studies on coastal processes, management and succession. This is part of the requirement for students to study a minimum of 4 fieldwork study days throughout the 2-year course.

The RSPB, who run the nature reserve, have an excellent field work and activity base Discovery Centre; where we will be meeting with RSPB staff members who will be delivering a range of planned activities and learning opportunities.

The activities will focus on and support the following three elements of the specification:

- 1.Coastal & flooding management strategies/ soft engineering approach/ Shoreline management plan.
- 2.Primary succession –linked to coastal vegetation –a basic transect with species richness, abiotic variables and beach profiles.
- 3. Carbon cycle introduction -linked to stores.

The coach will leave from Suffolk One at **08:30** and return to the college in time for the return buses at **15:45**. Students will need to bring appropriate clothing (remembering it may be cooler on the coast) including a waterproof coat, sturdy shoes such as walking boots or trainers, sun cream, a clipboard, paper and pencil case, and a packed lunch with drink.

The cost of this visit will be £26.50 to cover the coach and external provider tuition fees. Our method of payment is via our online Web Shop-www.onecollege-shop.co.uk. Please ensure that your payment is made before Monday 1st November. There is a parental consent box for you to tick when making this payment to give your permission for your student to attend

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this educational visit. Please contact our Student Services Team if any medical or emergency contact details need updating on our records prior to the visit.

This educational visit will be conducted in a Covid-19 secure way and travel in a coach has a higher need for face cover use; the college requirement is that it is expected and recommended that everyone wears a face covering-i.e. it is not optional without special exemptions. This is also expected in crowded areas. We really appreciate the students support with this.

Please can we emphasise that it is the student's responsibility to contact any teachers directly whose lessons they will miss during this trip, informing them of their absence and ensuring any missed work is caught up on.

We do hope your student will join us on this visit, please address any queries to Rachael Hurst (teacher of Geography), rachael.hurst@suffolkone.ac.uk

Yours faithfully

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