



27th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Advanced Higher Biology/Geography Trip to Blencathra Field Studies Centre, Thelkeld, Keswick-
Wednesday 27th August– Friday 29th August 2025**

The Biology and Geography departments are organising a joint Advanced Higher residential trip to Blencathra Field Studies Centre, near Keswick in the Lake District from Wednesday 27th August– Friday 29th August 2025.

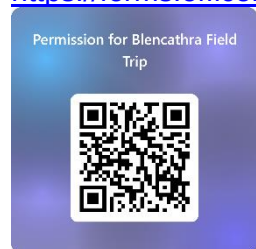
We have run this successful trip for several years and have found it really beneficial for teaching the practical field work and data collection aspects of the course, and for pupils to experience Higher education style teaching and equipment. The field work will contribute to their course assessments.

The purpose of the trip is to study a range of topics and skills relevant to both courses. Depending on the subjects they are studying topics covered could include a woodland study; freshwater invertebrates, a soil investigation; a beach study; a footpath erosion study; a glacial landscape study and a study of a village in the National Park. The wealth of data collected can be used to produce coursework which is a vital component of both courses.

The cost of the 3 days which includes accommodation, food, tuition, use of equipment and transport is £338 per pupil. We have applied to the Holywood Trust, who, over the last 8 years, have contributed generously towards the trip and if we are successful again this year, the cost per pupil will be reduced to **£208**

To secure a place on the trip just complete the link below by the end of term. We will require a **deposit of £100 by Friday 22nd August**. The **balance of £108 needs to be paid by Wednesday 27th August**. If this is going to be financially difficult for you we don't want this to prevent your child from attending so please speak to us and we will look at a solution so that they can attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bmnKx6dmn2>



If you have any questions or would like clarification on anything please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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