



BHASVIC

June 2025

Nettlecombe Court, Somerset Residential Trip
Biology and Environmental Science Department
Skills Weeks – early July 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers

Running alongside the curriculum BHASVIC aims to provide enriching trips linked to students' studies that not only bring their studies to life but also encourage independence and an opportunity to make new friends and have new experiences.

As part of A level Biology and Environmental Science we are hoping to run a three-day residential trip to Nettlecombe Court in early July 2026. Nettlecombe Court is a Tudor mansion located on the edge of Exmoor National Park, it is run by the Field Studies Council, an environmental education charity. Over the three-days students will be able to immerse themselves in fieldwork relevant to their studies. We expect the cost for this trip to be around £480.

We have yet to decide the itinerary for the 2026, but the 2025 itinerary included:

Three nights full board accommodation

Population Sampling / Advanced Field Surveying / Fresh Water Ecology / Data Analysis / Carbon Cycle.

If your young person is interested in joining this trip, you do not need to do anything at this stage. We will contact students and parents/carers in the Autumn term with all the finalised details, but we wanted to let you know about this opportunity as far in advance as possible, so you have time to financially plan if you wish.

All payments for trips are through our BHASVIC ParentPay account, you will be sent details on how to activate your account once your young person has enrolled, we encourage you to set your account up as soon as possible on receipt of these details to avoid any delays later.

Please be aware that students can only partake in a residential that is organised by the department/s that their courses fall under and that due to the number of students / residential places ratio, students will only be able to apply for one residential. Students are chosen by random selection.

We hope that you have a lovely summer, and we will be back in touch with more details of this trip in the autumn.

Kind regards
Biology & Environmental Science Department