BHASVIC

**October 2026**

**Flatford Mill Residential**
A1 Biology & A1 Environmental Science
Wednesday 7 July – Friday 9 July 2027
30 Places
£450
Trip Leader: Francesca Timms (f.timms@bhasvic.ac.uk)

Please note that this trip is running in Skills Week and if you are participating in Duke of Edinburgh then you will be unable to partake in this trip as the residentials run at the same time.

BHASVIC is pleased to offer residential trips to our students alongside their studies as not only does it support their learning but also gives a great opportunity to grow independence, develop life skills and make new friends as they move on to adulthood.

As part of A level Biology and Environmental Science courses we are running a residential trip to Flatford Mill. Flatford Mill is located amidst the quintessentially English countryside of the Dedham Vale. The Centre is set across three buildings in John Constable country (you will recognise the buildings from the Haywain) and is set in seven hectares of grounds including rivers, lakes, woodland and grassland. Over the three days students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in field work relevant to their studies. As long days of standing and walking are required the students need to be physically fit to attend.

**Outline Itinerary** (indicative)
Day 1 – Students are to meet by the Copper Cafe at 10:00, as the coach will depart BHASVIC at 10.30 from Dyke Road bus stop. Students will arrive at Flatford Mill for 14:00 where students will receive a centre tour and introduction.

Freshwater Pollution study - An investigation to establish the health of a freshwater ecosystem using invertebrate indicator species. Students will identify how human influence and physical landscape features contribute to pollution in local watercourses.

Data will be collected on freshwater invertebrate abundance and used to calculate biotic indices. Abiotic variables such as turbidity, light, temperature and oxygen will also be measured.

Day 2 – Succession – Students will spend the day investigating succession using systematic sampling, measuring abundance and distribution of species and use the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient to analyse data.

Day 3 – Ecological Energetics. The morning will be spent looking at energy flow and the efficiency of energy transfer within an ecosystem. Students will depart Flatford Mill at 12:00 to return to BHASVIC. We expect students to arrive back at approximately 16:00.

The cost of the trip is £450 which includes:

- Coach travel to and from Flatford Mill
- Two-night's accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Cost of travel by minibus around the seven hectares of Flatford Mill
- BHASVIC travel insurance
- 5% contingency*

The following is not included in the cost:

- Lunch on day one
- Drinks and snacks on coach

We hope you can join us for this exciting trip, please see the following pages on how to sign-up and pay.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Francesca Timms (f.timms@bhasvic.ac.uk)

**How to sign-up**

To make sure that all students interested in joining this trip get a fair chance of getting a place we ask that you complete a sign-up form via this link: Residential sign-up form This does not secure you a place at this stage.

One application per student please and only put the students name down if you are sure they are 100% committed to going on the trip. You can only select one Residential Trip to apply for during Skills Week. The deadline to complete the form is Friday 13 November 2026.

If the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick students for the places. We will then email parents/ carers on Friday 27 November 2026 to let you know if the student does/ does not have a place. Those that don't will go on a waiting list. Those with a place will then need to respond by Friday 11 December 2026 to confirm the place otherwise your place will be withdrawn and offered to a student on the waiting list. Deposits will then need to be paid by the deadline below to secure the place.

**Paying the Deposit**

The cost of this trip is £450

Please make sure you read the terms & conditions at the end of this letter before proceeding with payment.

Once you have received the email confirming the place on the trip you will be able to log into your BHASVIC Parent Pay account and pay the initial deposit of £100 by Friday 15 January 2027. Payment of the deposit secures the place on the trip.

If the deadline is missed for deposit payment, then the place will be offered to a student on the waiting list.

**Remaining balance**

Once the deposit has been paid you can pay the remaining balance of £350 in three instalments via ParentPay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

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| 12 February 2027 | £117 |
| 12 March 2027 | £117 |
| 12 April 2027 | £116 |

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

Once you have paid the deposit and the trip is full, we will email parents/ carers a link to the online Residential Trip Form. This form collects emergency contacts/ medical details/ passport information (if applicable) etc. Completion of this form is a requirement for the student to participate in the trip. All information is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.

Students will be required to complete a separate Code of Conduct form for the trip.

There will be a trip meeting for students held nearer the departure date where they will have an opportunity to meet the group and the Trip Leaders, ask any questions and receive the Trip Pack which will give them all the travel details/ emergency contacts whilst they are away. We will also email this pack to parents/ carers.

Please make sure BHASVIC have your most up-to-date email & you check your junk mail. We will also let students know any information that needs to be relayed to their parent/ carer.

Please note - This is a non-compulsory trip and an enrichment activity. BHASVIC has approximately 4000 students making our course cohorts very large. We are therefore unable to offer places for all students on this trip. If your young person misses out there will be more opportunities for enrichment activities over their two years at BHASVIC.

*On all residential trips, an average contribution of 5% has been incorporated into the overall trip cost to support the BHASVIC Emergency Contingency Fund. This fund is intended to cover any unforeseen expenses that may arise whilst your young person is on the trip. Any surplus remaining in the contingency fund after the trip will be transferred to the Future Trips Fund, which provides financial assistance to our bursary students. If you do not wish to give your consent for this transfer, please contact us at cashdesk@bhasvic.ac.uk. If we do not hear from you, we will take this as your consent for any leftover contingency funds to be allocated to the Future Trips Fund. Should there be a sufficient surplus beyond the contingency allocation, we will reimburse the remaining amount to you.

**Terms & conditions**

1. At the time of writing the cost of this trip is correct. There may occasions where elements of the trip will be affected by price rises which are out of BHASVICs control. In these instances, this cost will be passed to the parent/carer. BHASVIC will make sure we inform the parent/ carer of any price increase in a timely manner & will ensure any additional cost is kept to a minimum.

2. If the student wishes to withdraw from the trip, please email the Trip Leader & trips@bhasvic.ac.uk

3. If you choose to withdraw the student from the trip at any point, any monies paid will only be refunded if:

    a. If we can fill the space from the waiting list. Please note not all trips will have a waiting list, in this instance we will advertise the trip to the relevant cohort one additional time to find a replacement. If we cannot fill the space, you will not receive a refund.

    b. Any student from the waiting list being able to pay all monies outstanding in one payment

4. Final instalments need to be paid within 30 days of the stated due date. If payment is not made within this period, then BHASVIC reserves the right to withdraw the student from the trip & retain all monies paid for the trip thus far.

5. If a student withdraws from a trip and student names have already been submitted to a travel company or airline, then any cost incurred to replace that student/ or change details will be charged to the withdrawing parent/ carer.

6. The student's parent/ carer will be asked to input their passport details (if applicable) via the Residential Trip Form. It is the parent/carers responsibility to make sure this information is correct & to arrange a new passport if necessary. BHASVIC is not responsible for any mistakes made whilst inputting passport details or for failure to renew a passport by time of the trip departure. Any cost incurred to correct mistakes will be charged to the parent/ carer.

7. In the incident of the refusal by immigration in the country of destination or refusal to board in the UK, cost to return the student home with an accompanying teacher will be charged to the parent/ carer. In instances where a passport renewal is not received in time for trip departure, BHASVIC will not refund any paid monies.

8. We will check if any student has any AI / ALS / Safeguarding / Medical Needs / Health and Safety Issues and PEEPS that the trip leader/s should be aware of just for the duration of the trip. This information will be collected via an online form & all is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.