



12 December 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES, BIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY
IB FIELDWORK EXPEDITION**

We are writing to you because your son or daughter studies one or more of IB Biology, IB Environmental Systems and Societies, and IB Geography. Up to 25% of the assessment for these subjects involves internal assessment of practical work or fieldwork. The opportunities for studying a range of environmental conditions within Shanghai are limited. Therefore, it is usual for students to be given the opportunity to undertake fieldwork in an environment different to the city.

This year the field trip will be in Yangshuo. This offers the opportunities to work around the rivers in the region, making it an ideal location for all three of these subjects and, since it is in China allows us to keep costs down as far as possible, commensurate with a high-quality fieldwork experience.

Students will depart on Saturday 8 March and return on Wednesday 12 March 2014, giving the students 4 days of fieldwork. They will be accompanied on the trip by staff members from BISS who will include a Biologist, a Geographer and an ESS specialist who will direct the work of the students during the visit. Full details will be issued at a later date, along with the kit requirements, flights and insurance details. As an early check for the trip please ensure that your child's passport has at least 6 months left before it expires from the planned date of travel (12 October 2014).

The cost of the visit will be 5900 RMB, with a non-refundable deposit of 1000 RMB to be paid by 10 January and the balance of 4900 RMB due on 17 January 2014. If you wish your son or daughter to take part, please complete the reply slip below and return it to our reception desk no later than 10 January. The slip must be accompanied by the 1000 RMB deposit together with a photocopy of your son or daughter's passport. Please ensure that this in a sealed envelope that is clearly labelled, IB Group 4 Fieldwork – Mr Baker.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at c-baker@bisspuxi.com.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Christopher Baker
Trip coordinator

THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Puxi, Shanghai



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REPLY SLIP: ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES, BIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY IB FIELDWORK EXPEDITION

8 -12 MARCH 2014

Please return to secondary reception by Friday 10 January along with a non-returnable deposit of 1000 RMB and a copy of your child's passport in a sealed envelope clearly labelled IB Group 4 Fieldwork – Mr Baker.

Student's name _____ Form _____

Group 4 subject studied _____

I give permission for my son or daughter to visit Yangshuo on the IB Fieldwork Expedition. I enclose a non-returnable deposit of 1000RMB and a copy of my child's passport.

Parent/ Guardian name _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Contact phone number _____