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Dear Parent/Carer

PCR BioLab Session - Strathclyde University

I am writing to inform you of an excursion which has been arranged for Higher Human Biology pupils.

Trip: **CofE Higher Human Biology PCR Lab Session**

Date: **23 August 2019**

Time: **12:30 to 16:30**

Cost: **£5.00**

Details: The session, run by technicians from the Institute of Biomedical Sciences, will allow pupils to apply their theoretical knowledge of PCR into a practical setting. They will use the technique to diagnose genetic diseases in tissue samples and analyse the DNA.

Pupils will travel by coach to the University of Strathclyde, Institute of Biomedical Sciences. The coach will depart at 12:30pm and return to the school at approximately 4.30pm. If your child uses school transport, please make alternative arrangements. The cost of the session is £5 per student, to be made via the schools online Parent Pay system. Deadline for payment is Friday 14 June 2019. The school will cover the transport costs. If your child is in receipt of Free School meals there is no charge.

Due to the timing of the session, pupils will be allowed out of class early to eat their lunch before we leave. They should bring a packed lunch on the day and full school uniform must be worn.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this trip.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

E Bannerman
Trip Organiser