

Dear Students,

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 7th September 2021 when you will register for the MSc in Tropical Disease Biology.

The following day we will depart for a 3-day residential field course. We will leave Liverpool at 9am prompt so please ensure you arrive in good time. We will return to Liverpool late afternoon/ early evening on Friday 10th September.

The field course is an integral part of the Masters programme and all students are expected to attend. Exemption from the field course would only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

As this is a residential field course, accommodation and all meals are provided. If you have any special dietary or access requirements, please inform us by emailing: studentsupport@lstmed.ac.uk as soon as possible.

Information about Preston Montford Field Studies Centre can be found on their website: <https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/prestonmontford/>

We recommend that you bring enough clothing for 3 days, remembering that you will be working both outdoors (collecting field samples) and indoors (analysing your findings). The dress code for the field trip is very informal (jeans, trainers, T-shirts, etc.).

We suggest that you bring with you:

- Toiletries
- Raincoat or other weather-proof outer clothing
- Field notebook
- Pens, pencils
- Enough money for social drinks, snacks, etc.
- Wellington boots (please note, the Field Centre may have a small number of spares)
- Face coverings, hand gel
- Water bottle

Up to date guidance on COVID restrictions is available on the Student Intranet here:

<https://lstmed.sharepoint.com/sites/Students/SitePages/COVID%2019.aspx>. Please ensure that you check the advice regularly. You should take a COVID test at least 48 hours before the field trip and another one upon returning.

If you have any other enquiries about the field course then please do not hesitate to contact me before 8th September.

Yours sincerely,

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