



Naturebytes Nature and Technology Programme

Letter for parents and carers

We are delighted to offer young people in the Hastings area the opportunity to take part in a new active nature and technology programme. The programme, run by conservation and education experts, will introduce how to use technology, such as trail cameras and audio devices, to engage with nature in exciting new ways. [Confirm your place and find more information here.](#)

Each day we will introduce new and fun conservation and citizen science tools followed by walking and exploring the highlights of the beautiful nature park. Participants will learn to use specialist apps and tech to get the most out of their nature and outdoor experiences.

Attendees are welcome to join for as many days as they can. We recommend attending all four days so you don't miss out but joining for just one day is great too!

This programme will be delivered by naturebytes CIC, an award-winning education non-profit, and is made available for free to students eligible for free school meals thanks to funding from the HAF programme.

* Please note that this programme involves outdoor activities, so we will be outside in sun or rain - please make sure your child has adequate warm and weatherproof clothing, footwear and sun protection if necessary to be comfortable outside for up to 1 hour at a time and up to 3 hours per day *

The programme will include:

- Free healthy lunch each day
- Use of trail cameras and audio devices
- Introduction to conservation tech
- Species identification techniques

Programme Details:

Programme Dates: 14th - 17th August

Number of sessions available : 4

Session duration: 4 hrs per day

Time: 10am-2pm

[Confirm your place and find more details using this link](#)



Location and getting there:

- The location is at Bale House Visitor Centre in the Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve
- *note, we will be in the small black building on the opposite side of the road to the Visitor Centre*
- The site can be accessed by car or local Bus route '101 Wave'.
- * transport costs for attendees can be provided - contact for more details*

Student Requirements

Essential

Must be mobile and able to walk on uneven ground to explore the nature reserve.

Must be able to work in teams or be comfortable in a group environment.

Outdoor wear - waterproof jackets, warm clothes, sturdy trainers or walking boots, sun protection (be prepared for rain, mud, cold weather and sun)

Water bottle

Backpack / drawstring bag

Preferable (not essential):

Smart phone - fully charged - if the student has a smartphone, bring it fully charged for use with nature and outdoor apps. If a smartphone is not available we will use an alternative.

Laptop - and protective case - if your child wants to analyse image, audio recordings and wildlife identification.

Special Educational Needs

We do not have specialist SEN support or qualifications but we are as inclusive and accommodating as possible for students. If you or your child requires additional support please get in touch.

Project Lead and contact

Stephen Mowat - safeguarding lead, enhanced DBS certificate and first-aid qualified.

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About naturebytes - naturebytes is an award-winning international conservation and education organisation. Our goal is too reconnect everyone with nature in exciting new ways. Find out more at www.naturebytes.org or contact course leader Stephen Mowat at steve@naturebytes.org

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