

Appendix 4

Suppliers of cultures and equipment to schools and colleges

The following companies supply cultures and/or equipment for practical microbiology in schools and colleges. Inclusion in the list implies no recommendation. Before purchasing cultures, please refer to *Appendix 2: Safe micro-organisms* to ensure that the organism is suitable for use in schools.

Company	Address	Contact details	Products
Beecroft and Partners Ltd, Northern Branch	Northfield Road Rotherham South Yorkshire S60 1RR	Tel. 01709 377881 Fax 01709 369264 Email sales@beecroft-science.co.uk www.beecroft-science.co.uk	Fungi and bacteria; culture media and antibiotic discs
Beecroft and Partners Ltd, Southern Branch	21 Alston Drive Bradwell Abbey Milton Keynes MK13 9HA	Tel. 01908 221860 Fax 01908 313269 Email sales@beecroft-science.co.uk www.beecroft-science.co.uk	Fungi and bacteria; culture media and antibiotic discs
Blades Biological	Cowden Edenbridge Kent TN8 7DX	Tel. 01342 850242 Fax 01342 850924 Email info@blades-bio.co.uk www.blades-bio.co.uk	Algae, protozoa, fungi and bacteria; culture media and antibiotic discs
National Centre for Biotechnology Education (NCBE)	University of Reading Science & Technology Centre Earley Gate, PO Box 247 Reading RG6 6BZ	Tel. 0118 987 3743 Fax 0118 975 0140 Email ncbe@reading.ac.uk www.ncbe.reading.ac.uk	Limited range of cultures of bacteria and fungi; items for microbiology and molecular biology
Philip Harris Education	Hyde Buildings Ashton Road Hyde Cheshire SK14 4SH	Tel. 0845 120 4520 Fax 0800 138 8881 Email orders@philipharris.co.uk www.philipharris.co.uk	Full range of cultures, media and equipment for practical microbiology
Sciento	61 Bury Old Road Whitefield Manchester M45 6TB	Tel/Fax. 0161 773 6338 Email sales@sciento.co.uk	Algae, protozoa, fungi, and bacteria; culture media and antibiotic discs
Timstar Laboratory Suppliers Ltd	Timstar House Marshfield Bank Crewe Cheshire CW2 8UY	Tel. 01270 250459 Fax 01270 250 601 Email sales@timstar.co.uk www.timstar.co.uk	Full range of cultures, media and equipment for practical microbiology

Specialist culture collections

There are several specialist culture collections which will supply strains of micro-organisms for educational purposes. These centres are members of the United Kingdom Federation of Culture Collections (UKFCC; www.ukfcc.org).