

18 October 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS – 16 NOVEMBER 2017 & 1 MAY 2018

An essential part of GCSE Geography is the completion of fieldwork. I am pleased to be able to provide details of the upcoming Year 10 field trips planned for November 2017 and May 2018.

The new GCSE Geography specification requires all students to complete two separate fieldwork investigations, with one focused on Human Geography (the study of people) and the other on Physical Geography (the study of our natural surroundings). Students are required to carry out a range of fieldwork techniques which they will then be examined on at the end of the course. This exam constitutes 30% of their final grade, so in order to successfully understand the issues of the project and be able to explain the fieldwork methods used, it is very important students partake in, and enjoy, the fieldwork.

The scheduled date for the Human Geography fieldwork is **Thursday 16 November** where students will be visiting the centre of Leeds to carry out an investigation into the new Victoria Gate development, as a method to regenerate the city centre. Your child will be accompanied by their class teacher and supporting members of staff.

On the day of the fieldwork, your child will need to bring a packed lunch and snacks for the day. Students eligible for a free school meal will be provided with lunch and a drink. All students will be required to wear their normal school uniform. As we know, the British weather is variable so please check local forecasts closer to the time and ensure students bring suitable outdoor clothing, including a waterproof coat, if necessary. Taking photographs to use in the investigation will be useful for the students, therefore, on this occasion, we will be allowing your son / daughter to bring their mobile telephones and cameras, but we must stress that they do this at their own risk.

The Physical Geography fieldwork has been planned for **Tuesday 1 May** where students will be visiting Hornsea, East Yorkshire, to carry out an investigation into the coastal processes happening on the UK's eastern coastline. Further details regarding the arrangements for the second fieldwork trip will be communicated to you nearer the time

I would be grateful if you could please complete the attached Parental Consent and Medical Form and return it to Student Services by **Monday 30 October**.

The medical and contact details you provide on this form will be used for both visits, so if there are any changes between now and the second field trip, it is important that we are informed in order that our records can be updated and we can ensure the safety of all students.

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If you have any questions about either visit, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or through your son / daughter's planner. Both trips are very important for your child to succeed in Geography, and are designed to be both an enjoyable and interesting experience.

Yours sincerely

Ms T. Farragher
Leader of Geography

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PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL FORM

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I am the parent/carer of _____ in class _____

My son/daughter has the following medical issues _____

I confirm I have read the letter and understand that I am giving consent for my child to participate in the two Geography Field trips on 16 November 2017 and 1 May 2018.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Carer)

Please return to Student Services by Monday 30 October 2017