



18 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Compulsory Geography Field Trip – Thursday 4 November 2021

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students are to complete one day of compulsory fieldwork in order to experience 'practical geography', and have hands on experience of collecting and processing data, in order to come to a substantiated conclusion to answer an enquiry question.

It has become a tradition for our Geography students to visit Bournemouth for their field trip, as this provides an ideal location to study coastal processes as well as human impacts in the town. Students will be divided into groups to complete data collection at three sites. Each group will be led by a Geography teacher and a member of support staff.

The cost of this trip is £17 and to book your child's place, we ask you to please make payment via your sQuid account. This will be open from today (closing: 10pm on Sunday 31 October).

We will leave school at approximately 8.45am and travel to Bournemouth by coach, returning for 3.15pm. Students should wear appropriate (warm) clothing and footwear suitable for the coast (including being on the beach). Students should bring with them a full pencil case, including pencils as they will be drawing, along with a packed lunch, snacks and drinks to last the day. Students may wish to bring some money as there **may** be an opportunity to have some free time after lunch, before returning. Please note, eating and drinking on the coach is not allowed.

Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.

All GCSE Geography students are expected to attend this compulsory element, and if you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Keating
Learning Leader: Geography

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives a suspension may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*