

April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Geography Fieldwork Day

As part of the requirements of the Geography GCSE, all candidates have to undertake fieldwork studies incorporating both the physical and human sides of the course. Therefore, the Geography Department is organising a fieldwork activity day on **Thursday 23rd May** in **Southwold** with **The Geography Fieldwork Academy**.

The plan is for students to leave school by coach at 8.40am and return to the school by 3.15pm, in time for school transport. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothing, which must be suitable for the weather conditions. They should also bring a packed lunch, sun cream, a light coat and enough water for the day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like to order a packed lunch, please contact the main office to order this.

Pupils will have exclusive use of the Geography Fieldwork Academy classroom which is located within The Old Hospital in the heart of Southwold. It is equipped with toilets, seating, wifi and disabled access. Pupils will be provided with data collection booklets and summary sheets and have access to specialist fieldwork equipment.

We are asking for a contribution of **£27.00** towards the cost of this trip, which covers transport and the hire of the Geography Fieldwork Academy facilities. If insufficient funds are provided by parents/carers to meet the cost of the trip, it may be necessary to cancel it. Please complete the consent box and then make payment online via the School Gateway by 15th May – there will be an icon to click for 'Geography Fieldwork'.

Whilst out on fieldwork, the students will be representing the school in a very public way and the highest standards of behaviour and courteousness to the general public will be expected. With so much data to collect, the emphasis will be entirely on hard work. As parents/carers, you need to be aware that, as with all school events, there is an element of risk. On this particular occasion, students will be in close proximity to the sea and to moving traffic.

Please also be aware that:

- Students must remain at least 1m away from the sea at all times (this distance to be increased depending on tide conditions).
- Students must wear sensible footwear, the beach can be uneven in places.
- Students will need to bring pens, pencils, spare paper and a camera/phone with camera.

If you have any questions about this trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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