

18th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL RESIDENTIAL FIELDWORK

STUDY AREAS: Dawlish, Plymouth, Dartmoor, Lyme Regis - 5th - 8th July 2024

Fieldwork is a fundamentally important aspect of the A Level Geography syllabus. Candidates are required to carry out fieldwork beyond the school site on up to four separate days, in a variety of human and physical environments. With this in mind, we have arranged a residential trip for our Geographers from Friday 5th July to Monday 8th July 2024.

The trip will also include visiting Dawlish Warren, trekking on and around HayTor, visits to historical and contemporary areas of Plymouth, Team Building activities and a geologically focused study in Lyme Regis.

The main aim of the trip is to bring Geography to life with real-time examples and hands-on experience similar to that experienced by undergraduates and those undertaking higher apprenticeships. Students can then utilise the skills and experience to help them in the completion of their **Non Examined Assessment which makes up 20%** of the overall A level grade.

The proposed fieldwork days will deal with varying elements of the A level syllabus including: Changing Places, Water and Carbon cycles and Coastal systems and landscapes. We believe strongly as a faculty that experiences such as these can provide focus and inspiration for students and their participation will support both their studies and ultimately their overall outcomes. For some students, experiences such as these are the catalyst for a career in the geographical sciences.

The cost for the four days is £195.00 per student. This includes: Full Board at Okehampton Youth Hostel, entry to the National Trust's Lydford Gorge, Transportation and insurance. A non-refundable deposit of £40.00 needs to be paid by Friday 27th October 2023 using the ParentMail website.

A payment plan will be set up on ParentMail, with payments spread out until 29th March 2024. **It is vital that these payments are made and kept up to date.** Financial assistance in special circumstances may be available.

Payment	Amount	Date must be paid by
Deposit	£40.00	Friday 27th October 2023
2nd payment	£30.00	Thursday 30th November 2023
3rd payment	£30.00	Friday 29th December 2023
4th payment	£30.00	Wednesday 31st January 2024
5th payment	£30.00	Thursday 29th February 2024
6th payment (final)	£35.00	Friday 29th March 2024

Although this is an important curriculum trip we are aware of the cost implications for some families. Should you require financial support for your son/daughter to attend this trip please contact me via email on mpick@budmouth-aspirations.org

A detailed itinerary and equipment list will be shared with students closer to the departure date. All consent, contact and medical information for students will be taken from the information we have on our Arbor system. Therefore, please ensure that details are up to date. Any changes can be made via the Arbor parent app or by emailing dbrown@budmouth-aspirations.org

We hope your child joins us on this exciting trip and finds the experience both enjoyable and informative.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me: mpick@budmouth-aspirations.org

Yours faithfully

Mr M Pick (Subject Leader)