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Dear Parent/Carer

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL RESIDENTIAL FIELDWORK STUDY AREAS: Dawlish, Plymouth, Dartmoor, Lyme Regis - July 2027

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. To support the requirements of the course we offer students the opportunity to undertake a residential trip for our Geographers from **Friday 2nd July to Monday 5th July 2027** to fully support the skills that will be assessed in their geography exam.

The trip includes visiting Dawlish Warren, trekking on and around HayTor, visits to historical and contemporary areas of Plymouth and the national aquarium, Team Building activities and a coastal management 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. Experience has shown students who take this opportunity find the completion of their NEA less challenging and this is often positively evidenced in their final 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 £250.00 per student. This includes: Full Board at Okehampton Youth Hostel, transportation, insurance and entry to the national aquarium in Plymouth. A non-refundable deposit of £50.00 is required by 31st October 2026, payable via the ParentMail app. A payment plan will be set up on ParentMail, with payments spread out until April 2027. **It is vital that these payments are made and kept up to date.**

Payment	Amount	Date must be paid by
Deposit	£50.00	Friday 31st October 2026
2nd payment	£40.00	Friday 26th November 2026
3rd payment	£40.00	Friday 29th January 2027
4th payment	£40.00	Friday 26th February 2027
5th payment	£40.00	Friday 26th March 2027
6th payment (final)	£40.00	Friday 30th April

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Although this is an important curriculum trip we are aware of the cost implications for some families. Students in receipt of a bursary can use these funds. Should you require financial support for your child to attend this trip please contact pdavidson@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 sincerely

Mr M Pick (Subject Leader)