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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: GCSE Geography Fieldwork

I am writing to provide you with details of Geography GCSE field work, which your son will undertake in the Autumn term. Geography students are required to complete mandatory fieldwork as part of their GCSE course. Your son will be assessed on this fieldwork in an examination (Unit 3), which makes up 25% of his GCSE Geography grade. As such, field work is an essential and fun part of his course.

This year the Geography department has decided to take students on a two day, one-night residential trip to North Wales in early September to complete physical fieldwork. A further GCSE human fieldtrip to Ancoats, Manchester, will follow later in the school year.

Physical Fieldwork – Thursday 8th and Friday 9th September 2022

Your son will be going to Snowdonia, North Wales, to study the changing characteristics of the Afon Peris river and the impact of Glaciation in Cwm Idwal. We shall be staying at the Drapers Field Study Centre at Betws-y-Coed and FSC will be providing tuition. Students should meet at school at 7:15am on the Thursday and we will return to school at around 6:00pm on the Friday. Meals for Thursday evening and breakfast + lunch on Friday are included.

Human Fieldwork – Friday 13th and Tuesday 17th January 2023

The Geography department will be taking your son to Ancoats, Manchester, to investigate sustainability and urban regeneration on one of these dates – groups will be confirmed in due course. The trip will help to consolidate his understanding of the Changing Cities unit and will be carried out within the usual school day (depart 9:00am and return by 3:20pm). We will travel by Metrolink to Manchester City Centre, walk to Ancoats and return to Altrincham by tram.

Your son must bring with him:

Any medication he requires;

A towel (linen provided);

Warm clothes and a waterproof jacket;

A packed lunch for Thursday 8th September;

Pencil case, a clipboard and plastic folder to keep papers dry;

Money to cover his Metrolink fare and packed lunch/money for lunch in Manchester.

The cost of these fieldtrips is £171.55 (excluding the Metrolink fare).

NB, if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, payment for this trip will be automatically arranged. Please follow the usual trip application process but ignore any payment requests you may receive. *Students who receive Pupil Premium may also be eligible to reclaim any transportation costs which are not included in the overall trip price, by submitting a claim form in the [Pupil Premium section of the school website](#). (If your child receives Free School Meals and any lunches are not provided as part of the trip, you will receive a food*

allowance prior to departure).

Application process

To apply for this trip, please visit the [Parents' section](#) of the school website and complete the relevant online **Residential Trip Application Form** so that a ParentPay account can be set up and payment requested. **The deadline to complete the form and make payment is 30th June 2022.**

Additional information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains important information regarding medical, passports, EHIC and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Bromley

Head of Geography