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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Geology Trip to Vale of Eden

We are excited to be offering our usual field trip arrangements for our Year 12 geologists this academic year. We will be taking the Year 12 students to the Vale of Eden to complete 3 days of exam-board required field work. The aims of the trip are to complete a number of specified practical tasks and to enrich the boys' classroom learning.

The Fieldwork Program

The Geology specification recommends that at least four days are spent undertaking geological fieldwork. We have arranged for 3 of those days to be completed this academic year.

Vale of Eden Residential Trip

The dates for this trip are Wednesday 22nd of June until Friday 24th of June 2022. We will leave at 9am on Wednesday 22nd of June and return to school on Friday 24th of June at 4pm. We will stay overnight at a hostel in Kirkby Stephen in the Vale of Eden. We have booked two rooms which accommodate 6 students in each. The contact details of the hostel are given below:

Kirkby Stephen Hostel
Market Street
Kirkby Stephen
Cumbria CA17 4QQ
Tel: 01768371793

The cost of this trip is £155 and includes breakfast for each of the two days. Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the Wednesday, and money to purchase two evening meals and two packed lunches. There are a number of places to eat out or purchase take away food. Alternatively, students can purchase food from a local supermarket and cook their own dinner on site using the kitchen available at the hostel. All transport and necessary geological equipment costs are included.

Regulations regarding Clothing, Boots and Behaviour

Safety regulations require that your son must not only have suitable clothing for wet and cold weather, but must also have suitable footwear. This means that walking boots as well as waterproof jacket and trousers are essential. The school will provide more specialist equipment, eg hard hats and goggles.

Some of the localities we visit will be remote and dangerous. Consequently, all boys must follow all instructions given by group leaders. Reasonable and sensible behaviour is therefore expected from all students. Whilst out of the classroom, your son should naturally preserve the good name of the school at every opportunity. If your son's behaviour is such that it endangers him or other members of the group, he will be sent home immediately and attendance on future school trips may be jeopardised.

Parental Consent

Could you please give your formal consent to your son taking part in this field excursion by visiting the **Parents' section** of the school website www.agsb.co.uk and completing the **Residential Trip Application Form**. Once all the consent forms have been processed, and your son's place confirmed, you will then be asked to pay the amount of £155 via **ParentPay**.

Additional Information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains important information regarding medical information etc.

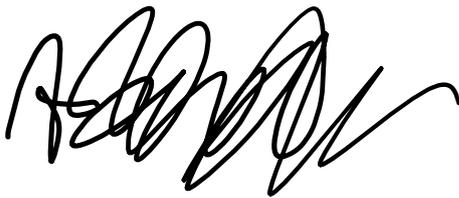
COVID Compliance.

It is important to consider the possible risks of COVID prior to, during and after this trip. Consequently, all students who will be attending this trip and consent will be required to undertake a rapid lateral flow test and register the results of this test with the school prior to departure.

For domestic residential trips, by signing the online consent form, all parents need to be aware that if their son develops COVID-like symptoms on the trip then their son will be isolated, and their parents/carer will be asked to come and pick up their son from the location of the visit.

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

Yours faithfully



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