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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geography Fieldwork

I am writing to provide you with details of Geography GCSE field work, which your son will undertake in the autumn and spring terms of year 11. As you may be aware, students are required to complete mandatory fieldwork as part of their course. Your son will be assessed on this fieldwork in an examination (Unit 3), which will make up 25% of his GCSE Geography grade. As such, field work is an essential part of the subject.

As in previous years the geography department will be taking students on a two day, one-night residential trip to North Wales to complete physical fieldwork. A further GCSE human fieldtrip to Ancoats, Manchester, will follow in January 2027 to align with the Changing Cities topic.

Physical fieldwork: Thursday 1st October – Friday 2nd October 2026

Your son will travel to North Wales by coach to study the changing characteristics of the Afon Peris river and to investigate the impact of the last glaciation on Cwm Idwal. We shall be staying at the Drapers Field Study Centre at Betws-y-Coed and FSC will provide tuition. Students should **meet at school 07:45** on the first day and we will return to school between 15:30 and 16:00 on Friday. An evening meal and breakfast + a packed lunch for the second day are included.

Human fieldwork: 21 January (BM/JK groups) or 28 January 2027 (WL/SW groups)

The department will be taking your son to Ancoats, Manchester, to investigate sustainability and urban regeneration in January. The trip will help to consolidate his understanding of the Changing Cities unit and will be carried out within the usual school day (register at 08:40 as normal and return by 15:20). We will travel by Metrolink to New Islington, 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, a woolly hat and a waterproof coat;
- A packed lunch for Thursday 1st October;
- A day bag and pencil case;
- Money to cover Metrolink fare and packed lunch/money for lunch in Ancoats.

The total cost of these trips is £198.00 (excluding the Metrolink fare).

Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website here: [Pupil Premium/Bursary](#)

Application process

Please can you now click on this link [Residential Trip Application Form](#) and complete the online Consent Form and arrange to pay the deposit payment of £100.00 via ParentPay to secure your child's place on the trip. **Our Finance Department are in the process of adding the item to your account, please give them a little time to complete the transaction.**

Deadline for your online form and the deposit is by 9am on Tuesday 30th June 2026, at the latest.

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