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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 18th of June until Friday 20th of June 2025. We will leave at 9am on Wednesday 18th of June and return to school on Friday 20th of June at 4pm. We will stay overnight at a hostel in Kirkby Stephen in the Vale of Eden. We have booked dorm rooms for our students which accommodate 6-8 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 £205 but does not include any meals. Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the Wednesday, and money to purchase two evening meals, two breakfasts 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, e.g. hard hats and High Vis jackets.

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.

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

Application process

To apply for this trip, please can you now use the following link [Residential Trip Form](#) so that a ParentPay item can be set up and the deposit requested.

Deadline for your online form and the deposit payment is by 9am on 2nd December 2024.

Additional information

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

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

Yours faithfully

Mr A Giffen

Geology Department