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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 several 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 Monday the 1st of June until Wednesday the 3rd of June 2026. We will leave at 9am on Monday 1st of June and return to school on Wednesday 3rd 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 4-8 students in each. The contact details of the hostel are given below:

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

Cost

The cost of this trip is **£151** but does not include any meals. Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the Monday, and money to purchase two evening meals, two breakfasts and two packed lunches. There are several 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.

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

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 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.

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 **£75.00** 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.**

The deadline to complete BOTH actions above is by 9am on 27 / 02 / 26 at the latest, earlier if possible.

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

Alan Giffen
Geology