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Dear Parents/Carers

25th April 2019

The Edexcel (9GEO) GCE for Geography requires students to participate in a minimum of 4 days of fieldwork for both physical and human Geography. We have to provide evidence that the students have fully participated in fieldwork, using a wide variety of techniques before the final exam. The students will go on a day trip to central Birmingham later in the academic year, carrying out fieldwork techniques with a focus on the regeneration of certain inner city wards. The results of which will help the students with their understanding of the concepts covered in the course.

The students are also required to carry out physical fieldwork techniques. Glaciation is the topic we are currently studying, but carrying out fieldwork techniques can be rather limited, and it can be difficult to collect large amounts of varied data. Students will have the opportunity to visit Iceland next academic year, and therefore be able to see and study active glaciers to help them with their studies.

Therefore, we have chosen to go to the North Norfolk coastline to carry out an extensive programme of both physical and human fieldwork at key coastal areas like Sheringham and Cromer. For many in the group, this will be building upon their knowledge and understanding of coasts from GCSE. I plan to spend several weeks familiarising the students with the area including the geology, coastal processes, coastal management, employment, and other issues and developments along the coastline.

The students have to complete an independent investigation (NEA), worth 20% of the final exam. We will be introducing this to the students in the coming weeks, and they will then be writing this up in the autumn term. As we have such a small group this year, it seems a good idea to combine the compulsory fieldwork element of the course with data collection for the NEA. Therefore, the students will be designing data collection sheets for the fieldtrip on an issue or question that interests them and fits in with the syllabus (rural rebranding, coastal processes and management, energy issues etc). The students will carry out secondary research prior to the fieldtrip, so that we can arrange any interviews or talks that would be useful. The group will collect fieldwork as a team, so that we can be efficient, and support each other. It would be possible for a student to apply techniques developed on the fieldtrip to another location, if they want to complete an NEA independently.

The fieldtrip will take place from Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 18th July 2019. The cost will be **£190** to include transport by the school minibus, bed and breakfast accommodation at Sheringham YHA, insurance, and all activities at the coastal sites. The students will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the Tuesday and purchase lunch at a local Tesco for the Wednesday and Thursday. On the Tuesday and Wednesday evening, we will eat a two-course meal at a local pub or restaurant. We will need to think about the locations of these carefully to fit in with our studies, and on choices of food. However, the cost of the evening meal has been included in the cost of the trip.

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We are asking for a contribution of £190 to cover the cost of this trip. As per our charging and remission policy, this trip/activity will only go ahead if we are able to cover the cost through voluntary contributions.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on the trip and secure a place, please make an initial payment of £60 by the 10th May, and the full cost by Friday 28th June 2019. If this would be difficult, then please contact the school finance team or your son/daughter's geography teacher. Our preferred payment method is now online, via Parentpay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at www.parentpay.com. Please contact The Finance Office if you need a Parentpay password or assistance. All trip payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (Cash and cheques will also be accepted).

For students to be able to participate in educational visits, school organised events or school related activities good student behaviour is of paramount importance. If a student presents regular poor behaviours in school and/or we consider that the student presents a significant, unmanageable or unacceptable risk to the health, safety and/or welfare of that student or others on the trip, including the adult leaders, the student is unlikely to be able to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this event please do not hesitate to make contact with the event organiser.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Taylor
Head of Geography

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REPLY SLIP – YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO NORTH NORFOLK

I give permission for my son/daughter _____ Tutor Group _____ to participate in the Geography fieldtrip to Norfolk from Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th July 2019.

I understand that the group will be travelling by minibuss and that insurance has been arranged.

Paid by Parentpay Paid by cash/cheque (please as appropriate)

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____