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October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork
Friday 21 May 2027
&
Monday 7 June to Tuesday 8 June 2027 (one-night residential)

As part of the GCSE Geography course, fieldwork is a compulsory element that helps students develop the practical skills and understanding required for their examinations, particularly for Paper 3 (Geographical Skills). I am pleased to inform you that we have arranged a one day visit in May followed by a one-night residential field trip to support this learning. Students will visit Loggerheads for the stand alone day, and the Sefton Coast and the Lake District, staying overnight at the lovely Ambleside Youth Hostel.

Friday 21 May – Loggerheads Country Park

Students will need to arrive at school by 8:30am, with departure at 9:00am. We will travel to Loggerheads Country Park, where students will spend the day studying river systems. They will be measuring the discharge of the River Alyn to see if discharge increased with Distance from the source of the river. On this day students will need waterproofs and a change of shoes. Wellies are encouraged as they will be entering the river. We are expected to be back at school for 3:25pm, so students will be able to use the school bus service as usual.

Monday 7 June to Tuesday 8 June – Residential Field Trip

Day 1:

Students will need to arrive at school by 8:30am, with departure at 9:00am. We will travel to the Sefton Coast, where students will spend the day studying sand dunes. They will investigate how dune profiles change shape and how vegetation varies across the dune system. Following this, we will travel by coach to Ambleside in the Lake District, where students will stay overnight at the hostel and have their evening meal.

Day 2:

We will travel to the village of Grasmere, where students will carry out a human geography enquiry focusing on the impacts of tourism in this well-known honeypot location. We plan to leave Grasmere at approximately 1:30pm and return to school at approximately 4:00pm, although this is subject to traffic conditions.

All locations visited are those studied in class, and the fieldwork activities are designed to support and reinforce your child's understanding of key geographical concepts, as well as prepare them for their GCSE examinations.

Cost and Payment

Ambleside Residential:

The cost of the residential, including full board, will be no more than £120. The final cost will be confirmed nearer the time. A **£25 deposit** will need to be paid by **Friday 9 October 2026**, with the remaining balance due by **Sunday 31 January 2027**.

Loggerheads Fieldwork Day:

The cost is **£12**, payable by **31 March 2027**.



ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Students should bring:

1. **Sensible fieldwork/outdoor clothing – NO JEANS.** Jeans may be worn at the hostel in the evening but are not suitable for daytime fieldwork. Layers of clothing are recommended.
2. **A full set of waterproofs** – a waterproof jacket is essential, and waterproof trousers are strongly recommended. Although the trip is in June, British weather can be unpredictable.
3. **Suitable footwear**, ideally walking boots with good grip. Wellies are recommended for the Loggerheads visit.
4. **A good, packed lunch for the first day.** Students entitled to free school meals can order a 'grab bag' from the canteen the day before the trip for collection from 8.00am on the morning of the visit. Grab bags can also be purchased.
5. **The items listed on the attached kit list.**

We have a small supply of spare waterproofs and boots, usually new, which students can borrow if they are unable to purchase their own.

The attached kit list provides further information about what students should bring and should hopefully help you when preparing for the trip.

Kind regards,

R McVey

Mrs R McVey
Head of Geography

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.

KIT LIST FOR GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK – GCSE RESIDENTIAL



This list is designed to highlight some of the things that you might otherwise forget.

ESSENTIALS

- Walking boots – if you do not own walking boots, a pair of old trainers will be suitable. Please bring a second pair of shoes in case your first pair gets wet.
- Waterproof jacket – an essential item. Imagine the heaviest rainstorm you can, while standing somewhere with no shelter and a cold wind for two hours. Will your jacket keep you dry? Try it out in the shower!
- Trainers for wearing around the hostel.
- Something warm, such as a hoodie or fleece.
- Towel.
- Nightclothes/PJs – please note that the hostel does not allow students to walk around communal areas in their PJs.
- Toiletries, including shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrush.

CLOTHING

- Waterproof trousers.
- Fleece, if you have one.
- A hat for sunny weather.
- Multiple pairs of socks in case they get wet.
- Shorts may be worn in good weather.
- Trousers or leggings – please do not wear jeans during the day. If they get wet, they will remain wet and uncomfortable for a long time.

MEDICAL

- Any medication you normally require. Please hand any personal painkillers to Mrs McVey before departure. Information about any regular medication you take would also be helpful, including when you take it, dosage and whether it needs to be taken with food.
- Sun cream and after-sun, ideally SPF 30+ or above, as students will be outside for much of the day.

EQUIPMENT

- Backpack.
- Notebook.
- Large, clear plastic bags to protect notebooks and other equipment when working in the rain. Geographers work in the rain!
- Pencil case, including pen, pencil, ruler and some coloured pencils.
- Phone charger.
- Clipboard, if you have one.
- Snacks – although the hostel shop does sell some snacks. The food provided at YHA hostels is very good.