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September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 A Level Geography Fieldwork
Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 May 2027

As part of the A Level Geography course, fieldwork is an important element that allows students to develop their geographical enquiry, data collection and analytical skills. It also provides valuable preparation for the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA), where students will plan and complete their own independent geographical investigation.

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a two-night residential field trip to Whitby, North Yorkshire. During the trip, students will take part in a range of physical and human geography fieldwork activities, giving them experience of different data collection techniques and helping them to consider possible topics, locations and enquiry questions for their NEA.

In Whitby, students will investigate the impact of tourism on this historic fishing community. They will explore how tourism has influenced the character of the town, including its economy, environment and local community. Students will use a range of fieldwork techniques to consider both the positive and negative impacts of tourism, giving them experience of collecting and analysing primary data in an urban setting.

As part of the residential, we will also visit the Holderness Coast, where students will carry out beach profiling and other coastal fieldwork. This will allow them to investigate the impact of destructive waves, coastal erosion and sediment movement along this dynamic stretch of coastline. The experience will help students apply geographical theory in a real-world setting while developing practical fieldwork techniques that they may choose to use in their own NEA investigations.

Day 1:

Students will depart school at 9:30am and travel by coach to Whitby, North Yorkshire, with a scheduled stop along the way. We expect to arrive in Whitby in the early afternoon, where students will check into the hostel and settle into their accommodation. They will then have some free time to explore Whitby before returning to the hostel for their evening meal.

In the evening, students will take part in the Historical Whitby Ghost Tour, providing an engaging introduction to the town's history, heritage and distinctive character. The tour will explore Whitby's famous connection to Bram Stoker's *Dracula* and allow students to consider how this literary and cultural heritage has helped shape the town's identity and continues to influence its tourism industry and visitor appeal.

Day 2:

Day two will be spent in Whitby, where students will carry out a human geography fieldwork investigation focusing on the impacts of tourism on the town and its local community. Throughout the day, students will collect a range of primary data and develop important geographical fieldwork skills.

Activities will include creating a land-use map to investigate how tourism has influenced the function and character of different areas of Whitby, as well as completing a shopping basket survey to explore the range of goods and services available to residents and visitors. Students will also trial a range of questionnaire and interview techniques, allowing them to gather the views and perceptions of different groups and assess the extent to which Whitby is affected by tourism.





The cost of this trip is £246 which includes full board accommodation, private transport and the cost of included activities.

Please note a **£25 deposit is required by Friday 2 October 2026** to secure the booking of the accommodation.

Payment plan:

- **Deposit to be paid by Friday 2 October 2026**
- Payment 2: £75 – Monday 30 November 2026
- Payment 3: £75 – Sunday 31 January 2027
- Payment 4: £71 – Sunday 28 February 2027

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Sensible** fieldwork/outdoor clothing – especially for the day we will spend on the beach. Jeans can only be worn once we arrive at the hostel in the evenings. Layers of clothing will be best.
2. **Set of full waterproofs*** – jacket and ideally waterproof trousers if you have them. Although visiting in May, British weather can be unpredictable.
3. A good set of trainers ideally walking boots*, with good grips. For the beach day
4. A good, packed lunch for first day (if your child/ward is entitled to free school meals a 'grab-bag' can be ordered the day before the trip (Friday) from the canteen for collection from 8am on the day. 'Grab-bags' may also be ordered to purchase). Packed lunches are included for the Tuesday and Wednesday.

*We do carry some spare waterproof and/or boots you can borrow for those who cannot afford to buy their own.

Kind regards,

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.