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April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 A Level Geography Fieldwork
Tuesday 2 June, Friday 5 June and Monday 22 June 2026

Fieldwork is an essential component of the A-level Geography (Edexcel) course, providing students with the opportunity to apply classroom learning in real-world environments. These trips enable students to develop the skills required to undertake their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA), which is based on a unit of study chosen from within the specification.

Students are expected to carry out their own independent fieldwork, usually over the summer holidays, collecting additional data before writing up their findings in the Autumn Term. The NEA is a maximum of 4,000 words and contributes 20% of the overall A Level grade. This element of the course offers students a valuable opportunity to explore a topic of personal interest in depth.

Tuesday 2 June 2026 – Delamere Forest

Students will need to arrive at school for 8:30am for a 9:00am departure. Students will travel by coach, arriving at Delamere Forest at approximately 10:00am. The focus of the day will be to investigate whether the forest can offset carbon emissions produced by surrounding roads. Students will collect data on traffic levels, vegetation density and environmental conditions to explore the relationship between carbon emissions and carbon storage. We will depart Delamere at 2:30pm and return to school at approximately 3:30pm in time for the school buses.

Friday 5 June 2026 – Liverpool

Students will need to arrive at school for 8:30am for a 9:00am departure. We will be traveling around Liverpool on a small coach, hopping on and off so we can visit several sites. Students will travel by coach around Liverpool, visiting a range of contrasting areas to investigate the impacts of urban regeneration. Areas visited will include the docks, Baltic Triangle, Lark Lane and the Webster Triangle (site of the £1 housing scheme). Students will collect data and observe changes in land use, environment and community, helping them to understand both the benefits and challenges of regeneration.

This is a longer day, with a return to school at approximately **5:00pm**. **Transport home will need to be arranged**. If your child wishes to make their own way home from Liverpool, please provide your consent by completing this form: [A-Level Geography - Liverpool Fieldwork 5th June 2026 – Fill in form](#). Any students without parental consent will return to school by coach.

Monday 22 June 2026 – Formby Sand dunes

(Joint trip with A-level Biology- students who studying both subjects will not be charged twice)

Students will need to arrive at school for 8:30am for a 9:00am departure. Students will travel by coach, arriving at Formby at approximately 10:00am to investigate coastal processes and ecosystem change. They will carry out a transect from the shoreline inland, recording variations in vegetation and soil pH across the dune system. This will help them understand how environmental conditions change with distance from the sea and how this influences plant succession. We will depart at 2:20pm and return to school at approximately 3:30pm in time for the school buses.



A further final compulsory day of fieldwork will take place in September and will involve developing fieldwork skills and investigation into quality-of-life variations and sustainability of West Kirby as a Transition Town. More information about this fieldwork day will follow in due course. As this trip is local, it will incur no cost.

Cost and Payment

The total cost for the fieldwork programme is **£48**, payable by **Friday 8 May** via Scopay. Please note that Payments are split into two parts due to the collaboration with Biology:

- **£37** – Delamere Forest and Liverpool trips (Geography students only)
- **£11** – Formby trip (Geography and Biology students)

Students who study **Biology only** will pay **£11** for the Formby trip.

Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details, which can be reviewed via the Arbor app. For any additional information relevant to your child/ward, please email me directly at rmcvey@wkgs.net

Essential Requirements

For the two days of physical fieldwork students must bring.

1. **Sensible** fieldwork/outdoor clothing (No jeans - just in case it rains).
2. **A full set of waterproofs** (A jacket and ideally waterproof trousers if you have them. Although visiting in June, British weather can be unpredictable).
3. Sturdy footwear (trainers or ideally walking boots).
4. A packed lunch.

We do carry some spare (usually new) waterproof and/or boots you can borrow if absolutely necessary.

Kind regards,

Mrs R McVey & Mr D Houghton
Head(s) 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.