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October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year (10) 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork 'Coast to Coast'  
Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 September 2025**

As part of the three-year GCSE Geography course, field trips are arranged to enable your child/ward to be fully prepared for the GCSE examination. I am pleased to inform you that we have managed to book our classic Northern England three-day fieldtrip. The trip will last three days, starting on the top of the Pennines in County Durham to follow the course of the River Tees from source to the sea stopping off at High Force waterfall, and Yarm on route to the Yorkshire coast south of Whitby. We will spend two nights at the wonderful Bogglehole YHA which sits in a secluded bay. Day 2 is spent looking at the issues of tourism in the wonderful town of Whitby while the third day will study the coastal landscape of the fast-eroding Holderness coast in Yorkshire. Departing from there at 1600 we hope to be back at school by 2000, but it can be difficult to predict the return time via the M62 with any certainty.

All the locations visited are those studied in class, with field activities being designed to assist your child/ward in their knowledge and understanding in Paper 1 (Physical geography) and prepare them for the Paper 3 skills exam. There is a cost element involved in this trip to cover the coaches and 2 nights **full board** overnight stay in Bogglehole in Yorkshire. This will include dinner each evening, bed, breakfast and a good, packed lunch the following day. The cost of the trip will be £173. We always seek to keep the cost of fieldwork as low as possible and feel that this does offer good value for money.

There is a suggested payment plan being set up by our school finance team with payments to be made via Scopay as follows, though you can also pay the full amount of £173 straight away if you prefer:

£30 First deposit **as soon as possible and by Friday 25 October.**

£50 Second deposit by Wednesday 30 April 2025

Final balance of £93 by Monday 30 June 2025

**ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Sensible** fieldwork/outdoor clothing (NO JEANS). 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.
3. A good set of trainers ideally walking boots\*, with good grips.
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 from the canteen for collection from 8am on the day. 'Grab-bags' may also be ordered to purchase). Packed lunches are included for the Thursday and Friday.
5. See kit list for other items.

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

The attached kit list will hopefully be useful.

Kind regards,

**Mr K R Vane**  
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 simply designed to pinpoint those things that you might forget.

### ESSENTIALS

- **Walking boots – ideal item. Check, by wearing them now, that they do not rub your feet.**
- **Waterproof mac – essential item. Imagine the heaviest rainstorm you can and you are in a place with no shelter and a cold wind for two hours. Now, will your mac do? Try it out in the shower!**
- Trainers for around the hostel.
- Warm clothing - usual outdoor clothing – a hat and gloves.
- Rubber gloves (old 'marigolds') for river work.
- Towel.
- Nightclothes/PJs. You are not allowed to walk around the hostel in night attire.
- Shampoo/shower gel/toothpaste/tooth brush.

### CLOTHING

- **Waterproof trousers.**
- **Fleece – if you have one.**
- A hat.
- **Good socks for your boots - essential. Make sure you have more than one pair.**
- Shorts may be useful – let us at least hope it is sunny!
- Trousers - **do not wear jeans outside**. I suggest tracksuit bottoms or combat trousers in cotton. Outdoor walking trousers are excellent if you have them.
- **Wellies**, if available, will be useful for the river measuring. An old pair of trainers would also be suitable.

### MEDICAL

- Blister kit – please bring your own.
- All medication you normally require. Please pass to Mr Vane all own painkillers for headaches and/or period pains. **It would be helpful if you write out a list of the pills you have with you. Put a star next to those you are taking at this time. This is treated as confidential.**
- A few plasters, maybe with a small personal first aid kit (Mr Vane and other first aiders will carry first aid materials).
- **Insect repellent e.g. Jungle formula**. Check you are not allergic to it. Flies love areas of water.
- Sun tan lotion - high factor because you are out all day and because we are always optimistic about the weather!
- After-sun lotion - because we are really positive thinkers, and it will be sunny.

### EQUIPMENT

- A **waterproof rucksack** for daily use.
- **An A5 hard backed notebook – essential item.** Spiral ones fall apart when wet (£1.50 from Tesco's etc).
- Large **see through** plastic bags to enable you to make notes in the rain. Geographers work in the rain!!
- Pens (e.g. biros) and pencils, including a few colours.
- A ruler for measuring fluvial and beach deposits.
- A camera or at least have space on your phone.
- Phone charger
- A clip board if you have one.
- At least two towels – one small one for wiping your feet while outside.
- Snacks - although the hostel shop does sell some. The food in YHA hostels is very good.
- A map case – if you have one.
- A small torch.
- Your own pillowcase might be useful.
- You will **not** require a sleeping bag.
- A small padlock to lock your case.