

28th June 2018

Parent/Guardian,



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Re: Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

As part of your son/daughter's Geography GCSE course, each student has to complete two pieces of independent investigative fieldwork. This is a compulsory requirement of the OCR A Geography course and students must participate so that they can be successfully entered into their final examinations in June 2019. The activity will enable students to put geographical skills into practice as well as supporting the students in completing important aspects of paper 3 sat by the students that makes up 40% of the final grade. Our study involves investigating the environmental quality and regeneration of the Central Business District of Birmingham city.

Class 10B Monday 16th July / Class 10A Tuesday 17th July 2018.

The aim of the fieldwork is for students to test hypotheses and complete an enquiry based investigation on how different sites within the centre of Birmingham city have been redeveloped through a planned regeneration project and if this has resulted in an improved environment and experience in a major city.

We will be conducting a land use survey in the city centre, as well as completing environmental surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts and local questionnaires. These will take place at several sites including the Bull Ring, Mail Box and Grand Central station. **The fieldwork will be taking place during the school day, where students will be leaving the school site during lesson 1 and will be returning back to school by the end of the day.** Students should come to school in normal school uniform with a coat depending on the weather. As the activities are all based outside, if it is hot, then we advise that your child has suncream. This is a working day so students will need writing equipment.

It is recommended that students bring a packed lunch as time is very limited, however they will be able to purchase food at the Bull Ring. It is also important that the students have plenty of drinks if it is warm. In case of emergency we would request the contact number of your son / daughter so that they can be contacted if needed.

We will be transporting the students with the use of the school mini buses, so there will be no cost. It is essential that all students complete this fieldwork, as required by the exam board, otherwise students run the risk of not being entered into their final GCSE exams in June 2019.

We would be most grateful if you would sign the slip at the bottom of the letter, confirming safe receipt and acknowledging the date that your son/daughter will be on their field visit and the attached medical form. If you would like to speak to me about the content of this letter, please contact me at m.griggs@tqea.org.uk or via reception on 01827 712477. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours truly,

Matt Griggs
Curriculum Leader of Geography

Acknowledgement Slip - Please sign and return to Mr M. Griggs by Friday 6th July 2018

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Student's name: _____ Teaching group: _____ Student's telephone number _____

I have received the letter regarding my son's/daughter's Geography fieldwork visit. I am fully aware that they will be off site during the day and will return to school at 3.05pm.

Parent's name: _____ Parent's signature: _____

Principal: Mr D Watts B.Ed MA

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