

10th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian



**The Queen Elizabeth
Academy**

“We Can and We Will”

Re: Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

As part of your son's/daughter's geography GCSE course, each student must complete two pieces of independent investigative fieldwork. This is a **compulsory requirement** of the OCR A Geography course and students **must** participate otherwise they will not be able to be entered into their final examinations in June 2020.

Following the success of the Human Geography fieldwork visit to Birmingham investigating urban redevelopment, the students will now complete their Physical Geography fieldwork investigating the River Anker, in and around Witherley. This will take place on **Monday 7th October for 11D** and **Monday 21st October 2019 for 11A**. The fieldwork will be taking place from lesson 4 on the day, where students will be leaving the school site at 12.05pm and will be returning back to school around 4pm. Students will contact home once we are closer to school to report an exact time of arrival.

The activities are all based outside so **waterproof clothing is recommended** as students will be required to complete experiments for their investigation by entering the shallow parts of the river. As students will be working near and in the river it is important that they wear something warm, bring a change of clothes and a towel, as well as wearing suitable footwear. Wellington boots or strong boots are recommended. Due to the type of activities the students will be completing, they will not need to wear their school uniform, but clothing must be suitable and appropriate for the day. It is also important that the students have plenty of drinks if it is warm, and wear sun cream / hat /etc depending on weather. Students will also need to bring writing equipment to complete the activities as this is a working day.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch, as there will be no opportunity during the activities where they can purchase food due to the location. Students who are entitled to a free school meal will have lunch provided, in case of emergency we would request the contact mobile number of your son / daughter so that they can be contacted if need.

We will be transporting the students with the use of a school minibus, so there will be no charge for the fieldwork. 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. If you would like to discuss any details of the fieldtrip, please contact me via email g.brown@tqea.org.uk. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Brown
Head of Geography

Please sign the acknowledgement slip below and return to either Mr Brown or Mr Griggs by Friday 13th September 2019

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Student's name: _____ **Geography group:** _____ **Student's mobile 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 afternoon and will return to school around 4pm.

Parent/Carer's name: _____ **Parent/Carer's signature:** _____

Executive Principal: Mr A Wilson BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH

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