

Wednesday, 05 September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 2019.

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 Dove, near Ilam, in Derbyshire. **This will take place on Thursday 20th September 2018.** The fieldwork will be taking place for the whole day, where students will be leaving the school site at 9am and will be returning back to school around 5pm. Student's will contact home once we are closer to school to an exact time of arrival.

The activities are all based outside so a **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 suitable footwear. Wellington boots or strong boots are recommended. Due to the type of activities the students will be completing, students will not need to wear their school uniform, but clothing must be suitable for the day. Students will also need to bring writing equipment to complete the activities as this is a working day.

It is recommended that students bring a packed lunch, as there will be no opportunity during the day where they can purchase food due to the location. Students who are entitled to a free school meal will have lunch provided. It is also important that the students have plenty of drinks if it is warm, and wear sun cream / hat /etc in case of a sunny day. 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 a coach company, so we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 to cover the cost of the coach travel. 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 speak to me about the content of this letter, please contact me on m.griggs@tqea.org.uk Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Griggs
Curriculum Leader of Geography

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Acknowledgement Slip

Please sign the acknowledgement slip below and return to Mr M. Griggs by Thursday 13th September 2018

Re: Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

Student's Name: _____ Teaching Group: _____ Students 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 around 5pm.

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Principal: Mr D Watts B.Ed MA

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