



The Queen Elizabeth Academy "We Can and We Will"

Tuesday, 31 October 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

As part of your son/daughter's Geography GCSE course, each student must complete two pieces of independent, investigative fieldwork. This is a <u>compulsory requirement</u> of the OCR A Geography course and students must participate so that they can be successfully entered into their final examinations in June 2018.

This is the second piece of fieldwork that follows the physical geography enquiry based study, which was successfully completed during the summer term of Year 10, at Carding Mill Valley. The fieldwork activities will enable students to put geographical skills into practice as well as supporting the students in completing one of the three papers that makes up 40% of the final grade. Our study involves investigating the environmental quality of the local area around Atherstone's central business district.

This will take place on Monday 6th November 2017.

The aim is for students to test hypotheses and enquire how the CBD of Atherstone has changed and the way the environmental quality and land use is managed in a local market town.

We will be conducting a land use survey in Atherstone town centre, as well as completing environmental surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts and local questionnaires. The fieldwork will be taking place during the school day, where students will be leaving the school site after lesson 3 and will be returning back to school by the end of the day.

The activities are all based outside so a waterproof coat is recommended in case of unsettled weather. Students should come to school in normal school uniform, and will also need to bring a packed lunch and writing equipment.

Please complete and sign the slip attached to this letter, confirming safe receipt and acknowledging the date that your son/daughter will be on their field visit, together with the OSA2 Medical Consent form and return them to myself by **Friday 3rd November 2017**.

If you would like to speak to me about the content of this letter, please contact me on: <u>m.griggs@tqea.org.uk</u>

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Griggs Curriculum Leader of Geography

Acknowledgement Slip

October 2017

Please sign this acknowledgement slip and return it, together with the OSA2 Medical Consent form, to Mr M. Griggs by Friday 3rd November 2017

Re: Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

Student's name:_____ Teaching group:_____

I have received the letter regarding my son's/daughter's Geography fieldwork visit. I give my permission for him/her to be off site during the day on this trip and understand he/she will return to school at 3.05pm.

Parent/Guardian's name:_____

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