

Monday, 01 July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**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 2020. 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.

**Both classes will be completing this on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

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, as the activities are all based outside suitable clothing is required and depending on the weather, please ensure your child has sun cream if it is hot. This is a working day so students will need writing equipment.

It is recommended that students bring a packed lunch, however there will be an opportunity built into the day where they can purchase food at the Bull Ring. A packed lunch will be provided for any child in receipt of Free School meals. 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 child so that they can be contacted if needed.

We will be transporting the students by coach but there will be no cost to yourselves. 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 2020.

We would be most grateful if you would sign and return the attached acknowledgement slip and OSA2 Medical Consent form, confirming safe receipt and acknowledging the date that your child 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](mailto:m.griggs@tqea.org.uk)

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours sincerely



Matt Griggs  
Curriculum Leader of Geography

## **Acknowledgement Slip**

*Please sign the acknowledgement slip below and return to Mr M. Griggs by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019*

**Re: Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork**

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teaching group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Students telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have received the letter regarding my child'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:** \_\_\_\_\_