

21st May 2021

**Parents and Carers
of Y10 TQEA Geography Students**



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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip- Carding Mill Valley, Monday 12th July

As part of the GCSE Geography course students will be involved in fieldwork tasks away from the school site. The field trip visit will take place on Monday 12th July and takes the form of a river study in a small scale river valley, Carding Mill Valley, Shropshire. Students will then be expected to record their findings in an assessed written report. The fieldwork report contributes towards paper 3 of the geography exam which comprises 25% of the students GCSE final grade.

The trip will take place on Monday 12th July. We will be travelling by minibus and **will leave school at 9.00am and return to school for approximately 5pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected from the school site upon their return.**

There will be a cost of £5 for the trip. This is to cover expenses including transportation and equipment hire and can be funded via ParentPay, please quote ‘Geography field trip’ when doing so.

Students will be carrying out measurements in the small and shallow river valley under close supervision. This will involve some walking at low level in the river valley. Students must wear flat non-fashion shoes with a sole that provides some grip. Students will need a waterproof outer coat, a packed lunch and water to drink, preferably all contained in a small rucksack. Favourable weather conditions may also make sunscreen and a hat necessary. Wellingtons and walking boots would also be useful as students are expected to enter the river channel.

Due to the nature of this trip a zero tolerance policy to behaviour will be applied to ensure the health and safety of all students involved. Should the behaviour of any student cause concern please be aware that collection from the site may be requested. Leading up to the trip, any students who convey negative behaviours between now and the date of the field trip will be refused attendance and will therefore remain in school and be provided with the appropriate resources to support them with their GCSE.

Please can I ask you to return the attached reply slip by Friday 2nd July. Students will be fully briefed regarding the work tasks in advance. If you have any questions regarding the fieldwork trip please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Brown
Head of Geography

REPLY SLIP

GCSE Geography fieldwork trip to Cardingmill Valley – 12th July 2021

Please return this slip either by hand to your child's geography teacher or via email (a photo is fine) via info@tqea.org.uk by Friday 2nd July 2021

Child's name: _____

Reg Group: _____

Please tick to confirm:

I understand that my child will attend the Geography Fieldwork trip and I have noted the requirements of the visit and the late return time.

My child is entitled to Free School Meals and will need a packed lunch to be ordered from the school canteen.

Signed: _____ (parent/carer)

Date: _____