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5 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: GCSE Geography Field Studies Trip 9-11 September – Final Details

As part of the new GCSE Geography course students have to undertake 2 days of **compulsory** field studies. The examination board believe, as we do, the best way to understand Geography is to experience it in action. The urban and coastal field studies will also be examined in the GCSE UK Geographical issues paper. This was explained in the Year 9 Preferences document.

118 students are studying GCSE geography so in the interest of the students we will take them in two groups:

Group A	Taking place 9 to 10 September 2019
Group B	Taking place 10 to 11 September 2019

Your son will be undertaking this fieldwork with his class group as this helps with the activities which are completed in the classroom once back in School. All students have been informed which group they are in.

Timetable for Group A departing on Mon 9 September:

Monday 9 September	Depart NSB to Swanage + rural field studies
Tuesday 10 September	Full day coastal field studies and travel back to NSB

Timetable for Group B departing on Tuesday 10 September:

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Tuesday 10 September	Depart NSB to Swanage + rural field studies
Wednesday 11 September	Full day coastal field studies and travel back to NSB

All students will travel in their respective groups leaving NSB at **07:30** from the Swimming Pool car park on either Monday 9 or Tuesday 10 September. They will need a packed lunch for the journey down. Once in Swanage we will be met by staff from Leeson House Field Studies Centre with whom the students will be working with in small groups. Students are expected to leave Swanage at 14:30 on either Tuesday or Wednesday with an anticipated arrival time at NSB of **19:00** but this is obviously dependent on traffic. Normal practice is for students to telephone on approach to Northampton. Students also may need a small amount of money for the journey home as we will be making a short comfort break the services.

Kit list

Student will need outdoor wear – Tracksuit / Jeans / T-shirt / Sweatshirt / Hoody

May be a change of clothes for when we are in the centre.

A **waterproof jacket** as we will be outside even if it is raining. No waterproof jacket will result in students not travelling.

Trainers or walking boots – we will be on the beach for one day

Wash kit + Towel

Nightwear

Folder to keep worksheets in.

Pens and Pencils

Overnight bag only with kit in – no large suitcases please!

Rucksack for the day to keep worksheets in and snacks/drinks and to take onto coach.

It is only one night so there is no need to pack the kitchen sink. However, in September the weather is very changeable.

If you require any additional information, please email toneill@nsb.northants.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. O'Neill', with a large, stylized initial 'T' and 'O'.

Mrs T O'Neill
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