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3 May 2018

Letter to Group A

Dear Parent/Guardian

GCSE Geography field studies

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.

It has therefore been proposed that the field trip will take place in September, so it will not affect exam periods and hopefully give us the opportunity for reasonable weather. 113 students are studying GCSE geography so, in the interest of the students we will take them in two groups:

Group A	9 th to 11 th September 2018
Group B	11 th to 13 th September 2018

In addition, many of the Geography students are involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award; the Bronze expedition takes place on the 15th to 16th September 2018. With this additional complication, a decision was made to make sure these students make up the majority of Group A. This is the reason why «preferred» may not be doing his fieldwork with all the members of his normal teaching group. Please find below the detailed arrangements for «preferred» during this week.

Group A Date: 9th to 11th September 2018

Cost: £128.00 the cost covers: travel to and from Swanage and to field study sites, accommodation and food. The tuition fees for the tutors at the centre has been subsidised by the school. However, school policy is for students in receipt of Pupil Premium, Free School Meals or a bursary will receive a 50% reduction. Therefore the cost for «preferred» will be £64.

Payment Plan

1. £14.00 Deposit by 11th May 2018
2. £12.50 Date due June 29th 2018
3. £12.50 Date due July 20th 2018
4. £25.00 Date due August 31st 2018

Payment should be completed via ParentPay, if however, you do not use the system please make your payments by cheque/cash. Please place the payment in an envelope, labelled with your son's name, form and GCSE Geography Field Trip **Group A**.

Timetable:

Sunday 9 th September	Travel and ½ day urban field day field studies
Monday 10 th September	Full day coastal field studies

Tuesday 11th September ½ day urban day field studies and return travel

Students will travel on the Sunday morning leaving NSB at 07:30. Once in Swanage we will be met by staff from Leeson House Field Studies Centre with whom the students will be working in small groups. Students are expected to leave Swanage at 13:00 on Tuesday with an anticipated arrival time at NSB of 17:00 but this is obviously dependent on traffic.

A kit list will come out nearer the time of the Field Trip.

Please fill in the attached Medical Form and return this to your son's Geography teacher by the **11th May 2018**.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs T O'Neill
Geography Teacher

Please return to your Geography teacher by the **11th May 2018**

Reply Form: – GROUP A

Name: _____ Form: _____

Geography Teacher: _____

I/We give permission for my son to attend the Geography Field Studies Residential.

I/We understand that a payment of £64 needs to be paid in full by the 31st August 2018

I/We have completed the attached medical form and have paid the £14 deposit

Signed _____ Date _____