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9 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: GCSE Geography Field Studies

As part of the GCSE Geography course students must 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 GSCE UK Geographical issues paper (Paper 2).

This was explained in the Year 9 Preferences document. It has therefore been proposed that the coastal field trip will take place in June, so it will not affect exam periods and hopefully give us the opportunity for reasonable weather. 114 students are studying GCSE geography so, in the interest of the students we will take them in four groups:

- Group A 101E – TON – 20/06/2023
- Group B 10W1 – TON – 21/06/2023
- Group C 10W1 – CAN/CAI 22/06/2023
- Group D 10E1 – TBF 23/06/2023

The Urban section will take place during school time, this will involve the student undertaking fieldwork in the Abington area of Northampton.

Please find below the detailed arrangements for the Coastal Field Studies Day.

Cost

The cost of the field trip is £43.00. This covers the travel to and from Southwold. The school is heavily subsidising the cost of this trip and is paying for the tuition fees for tutors at Southwold Field studies Academy and the use of equipment which we will be using for the day. All payment should be made by Parent Pay.

Payment Plan

1. £20.00 Deposit 19 May 2023
2. £23.00 Balance 16 June 2023

Timetable

Leaving NSB at 07:00, there will be an opportunity to stop on the way down at the service station, so students may wish to take some money. Students can wear causal clothes; but students must take a waterproof jacket; without one they will not travel. We will be on the beach collecting data so wear

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sensible shoes – trainers / walking boots etc. Students will need a day sac to carry food, drinks bottle, writing equipment and a clipboard. On arrival, we will be met by staff from the Field Studies Centre with whom the students will be working with in small groups. There will be a lunch break but unfortunately where we are studying there are limited shops, so we are advising that students bring a packed lunch including a drink. Students are expected to leave Southwold at 16:00 with an anticipated arrival time at NSB of 20:00 but this is obviously dependent on traffic. As practiced on previous school trips students will contact home with a time of arrival.

A medical form will be sent to you via Evolve please make sure that this is completed.

The emergency contact number is Mr Kneeshaw, but please could you only use this in the event of an emergency.

Out of school hours 07968 530221

In school hours 01604 230240

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

Yours sincerely

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