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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Geography Studies Field Trip – 23 -27 June 2025**

### **Travel to Dorset arrangements**

The coach will depart from the Sports Hall Car Park at 07:15. Please make sure students arrive no later than 07:05 outside the swimming pool in the Sports Hall Car Park to load luggage.

Students will need the usual toiletries/wash kit, sensible/suitable clothing to cater for all weathers (British Summer time!). Waterproofs and suitable footwear must be packed as students will be outside all day during the five days we are there. A small bag/rucksack for daily use whilst out is also a requirement, as students will need to carry packed lunches, worksheets, and clip boards etc every day. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch for Monday 23 June, and a small amount of spending money as we will be stopping at the services on the journey to Dorset. The first meal at the Field Studies Centre will not be until Monday evening. Please make sure money, packed lunch, pencil case and waterproof are packed in their day bag/sack, and this is with them on the coach. As soon as we get to Swanage we will be off the coach and working. We will be doing a lot of walking, so sensible footwear is required. We will not have time to be unpacking the coach if students have left something in their case/holdall. We return to Northampton on Friday 27 June at approximately 19:00-19:30, depending on traffic. Students will telephone home on approach to Northampton. Again, we will be stopping for a short time at the services so refreshments can once again be purchased.

### **Accommodation:** Leeson House Field Studies Centre – Swanage

**Food:** The Centre will provide breakfast and dinner, for the daytime a packed lunch will be provided. This will be the same as the packed lunch provided when they were on their October Residential. At this centre students will need to bring a **reusable water bottle** with them for the week. There will also be opportunities during the day for students to stop and buy snacks at various cafes. In my experience of taking groups of teenagers away, they are always hungry and need more than just 3 meals day! I also advise they bring plenty of snacks with them.

### **Itinerary**

Monday: Swanage PM – Hard engineering – Coastal Management – Place Perception

Tuesday: AM/PM Regeneration and Rebranding of Boscombe

Wednesday: AM Studland –Knoll Beach – Low Energy Coastal System – Sand Dune Succession. PM Classroom based decision on location and title for NEA.

Thursday: AM/PM Students will choose the location for their Geographical Investigation. Students will be put into small groups with other students who are working on similar titles. These groups will then be spending the day collecting data (staff will be in the location but it will be remote supervision), which they require to make their coursework successful.

Friday: Statistical / Data representation workshop. Depart 13:00/13:30pm

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Each evening after dinner, students will be required to work on their studies, either collating and analysing results or preparing the field studies programme for the next day. Computers are provided at the centre. If students wish to bring a laptop, that's acceptable, but they will be responsible for them.

## **Suggested Kit**

Day rucksack, water bottle, notes/paper/pens/pencils/folders, wash kit – plus towels.

Waterproof coat -students will not be travelling without this. It must be in their day ruck sack.

Sun hat/cap, sun cream.

Footwear - wellington boots/walking shoes/boots – students may want them for the sand dunes day/s – but trainers will be acceptable. However, make sure they have a spare pair as they may get wet!

The centre have also asked that students have some change of shoes for when they return - this could be a pair of slippers or another pair of trainers.

Casual clothes: jeans/shorts, (respectable) track suit bottoms, t-shirts (**no strappy vest tops**), sweatshirts, hoodies.

**No sliders, flip flops or Crocs during the day** – these may be worn at the centre in the evening.

Please remember students will be speaking to and questioning members of the public so they need to look respectable. Students will also be outside all day from 10 – 5pm, in all weathers.

**Emergency Contact:** Mr Kneeshaw – 07968 530221 or Mr Armstrong – 07968 373231. Please only use these numbers in an emergency and not to find out travel arrangements. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

## **Behaviour Expectations**

While we expect excellent conduct from all A-Level students, it's important to stress that **poor behaviour will not be tolerated**. Students will be taught by centre staff and must remain respectful and cooperative at all times. They will be collecting data in public and engaging with members of the community. This is a valuable academic opportunity, and we trust students will uphold the highest standards and represent the school with pride.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T O'Neill  
Head of Geography Team Leader  
Residential Education  
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