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11 March 2026

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 GCSE 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 May, so it will not affect exam periods and hopefully give us the opportunity for reasonable weather.

123 students are studying GCSE Geography so, in the interest of the students, we will take them in three groups:

Group A 10 W1G Mrs O'Neill and 10E2 Miss Alderson **5 May 2026**

Group B 10 1WG (12 students) Mrs Diggin and 10E1G Mr Barfoot **6 May 2026**

Group C 10 1EG Mrs O'Neill and 10 1WG (12 students) Mrs Diggin **7 May 2026**

Mrs Diggin's group 10 will be separated as they are the smaller group. The students will be informed individually which day they will be attending.

The Urban section will take place during school time; this will involve the students undertaking fieldwork in the Abington area of Northampton. This is planned for March 2027 when students are in year 11.

Please find below the detailed arrangements for the Coastal Field Studies Day. Cost: The cost of the field trip is £26.00. 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 in full by Parent Pay, deadline for the payment is 25th April 2026.

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 casual clothes, but they must take a waterproof jacket, without one they will not be able to travel. We will be on the beach collecting data so sensible shoes – trainers / walking boots etc should be worn. Students will need a day sack to carry food, drinks bottle, writing equipment and a clipboard.

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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 drinks. 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/consent form will be sent to you via Evolve email, please make sure that this is completed.

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

Out of school hours 01604 258676

In school hours 01604 230240.

Please email me if you require any additional information.

Kind regards

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