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12 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: A Level Geography Field Studies Trip: Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June 2026

As part of the A Level Geography course, students must undertake field studies. The data collection programme can come from any element of the A Level course however, the Team have chosen two key areas to study:

1. Re-branding places
2. Coasts – protection/conflict

Swanage will be the first location where we will gather data, with an emphasis on the use of hard/ soft engineering for coastal protection. The second day will see the students consider the need for continued regeneration of Boscombe. On Wednesday, students take a trip to Studland to measure the impact of humans on a psamosere succession. On the penultimate day, students will break into working groups and conduct their own independent fieldwork data collection, which they will then be able to use back at school to produce their independent investigation / coursework.

The field studies week enables a 'hands on' approach to data collection. The main objective for the week is to be able to collect sufficient data to be able to produce the 4000-word individual geographical report, which is a compulsory element, with a 20% weighting for the entire A Level Geography course. It is therefore proposed that all A Level Geography students undertake this field studies programme from 23rd to 27th June 2023 in Swanage. I am aware this is during the Sixth Form lesson time, but the trip has been authorised by the Headteacher and, there is the expectation that students catch up on work missed in their other subject areas.

The cost of this field trip is **£474** which includes four night's full board accommodation, at The Leeson House Field Studies Centre, transportation to and from Swanage, plus supporting journeys each day. Additional tutors and equipment throughout the week from the Education Centre are also included in the cost.

All payments to be made via ParentPay as follows:

- Deposit of **£74** by **Saturday 31 January 2026** (non-refundable)

Subsequent payments:

- **Friday 27 February 2026: £75**
- **Friday 27 March 2026: £75**
- **Thursday 30 April 2026: £75**
- **Friday 29 May 2026: £75**

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- **Final Payment: £100 by Friday 12 June 2026**

Payments can be made via Parent Pay which is the easiest and most secure method of payment.

Please look out for an email from Evolve as this will contain the Medical Consent/Information Form which will need to be completed electronically to secure a place on this trip.

Should you have any questions or concerns, including medical issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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