

TON/HCL

14 December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

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 which are:

1. Re-branding places
2. Coasts – Protection/Conflict

The first part of the week will look at different sections of the Jurassic Coastline, firstly, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door with the primary focus on high/low energy coastlines. Swanage is the next stop, with an emphasis on the use of hard/ soft engineering for protection, before taking a trip to Studland to measure the impact of humans on a psammosere succession. The penultimate day will see the students consider the need for continued regeneration of Boscombe. During the final 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 investigate / 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. 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 **20th to 24th June 2022** in Swanage. I am aware this is during the Sixth Form lesson time, but it has been authorised by the Headmaster and there is the expectation that students catch up on work missed in their other subject areas.

The cost of this field trip is **£365** which includes four nights 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

Payment Plan

Deposit of **£120** payable by **Friday 25th February 2022**

Second payment of **£125** payable by **Friday 29th April 2022**

Final Payment of **£120** payable by **Friday 10th June 2022**

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

Please complete the attached reply slip and return it together with the enclosed Medical Consent/Pupil Information Form fully completed & signed to Mrs T O'Neill at school by **Friday 25th February 2022.**

Yours faithfully



Mrs T O'Neill
Head of Geography

REPLY SLIP TO MRS T O'NEILL IN F8 BY 25 FEBRUARY 2022

Re: A Level Geography Field Studies 2022

I/We* do/do not* give permission for my/our* son/daughter* to take part in the A Level Geography Field Studies trip from Monday 20th - Friday 24th June 2022.

I/We* understand the cost of the trip is **£365.**

Payment in full will be required by **Friday 10th June 2022.** I/We* also acknowledge that by signing this form I/we* am/are* requesting a place and in the event of my/our* son/daughter* not attending the full payment will be made unless prior arrangements have been made with Mrs O'Neill.

I/We* believe that I/we* may qualify for financial assistance. Y / N (please indicate)

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian*: _____ Date: _____

(*Delete as necessary)