



Northampton School for Boys

An independent Academy for the Town and County



12/09/2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

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 November, so it will not affect exam periods and hopefully give us the opportunity for reasonable weather. 107 students are studying GCSE geography so, in the interest of the students we will take them in two groups: Group A on the 3rd of November and Group B on the 4th of November. 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.

Group B 4th November 2022

Cost: £23:00 the cost covers: travel to and from Barton on Sea and tuition fees for the tutors from the Field Studies Centre Lesson House, which we will be using for the day. All payment should be made by Parent Pay.

Payment Plan

1. £10.00 Deposit 30th September 2022
2. £13.00 28th October 2022

Timetable: Leaving NSB at 07:00, there will be an opportunity to stop on the way down at the services station, so students may wish to take some money. Student can wear causal clothes; students must take a waterproof jacket without one they will not travel. We will be on the beach collecting data so wear 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 Leeson House Field Studies Centre with whom the students will be working in small groups. There will be a lunch break but unfortunately where we are studying there are no shops, so we are advising that students bring a **packed lunch** including a drink. Students are expected to leave Barton on Sea 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.

Please fill in the attached Medical Form and return this to your son's Geography teacher by the 23rd of September 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs T O'Neill
Team Leader of Geography

Please return to your Geography teacher by the **23rd September 2022**

GROUP B Name: _____ Form: _____
Geography Teacher: _____

I/We give permission for my son to attend the Geography Field Trip.

I/We understand that a payment of £23.00 needs to be paid in full by the **28th of October 2022**

I/We have completed the attached medical form

Signed _____ Date _____

Headmaster Mr R Bernard MA

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