



11 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**GCSE GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL FIELD TRIP
To The Isle of Purbeck, Swanage, Dorset (Friday 16 to Monday 19 September 2022)**

We are pleased to advise you that the Geography Department is planning to take next year's Year 11 students on a residential field trip to Swanage in Dorset from Friday 16 to Monday 19 September 2022. The field trip aims to provide students with a most valuable and enjoyable experience which is designed to enhance their understanding of key issues taught in their Geography GCSE. It will also give students an opportunity to practise fieldwork, which is an essential component of the Paper 3 'Geographical Applications' examination.

It is expected that a group of up to 20 students will travel in minibuses which will be driven by members of Rooks Heath staff. We will leave school at 8:00am on the Friday and estimate that the group will return to school at approximately 3:00pm on the Monday. We will spend three nights in the same Swanage Youth Hostel that we used last year. Students will be supervised by up to 3 members of Rooks Heath staff during their stay. A detailed itinerary will be provided at a later date. **There will be a lot of walking during the trip, including a four mile hike over uneven terrain on the Saturday so students must be prepared for this!**

Everyone should be aware that failure to follow the rules laid down for the visit may result in them being denied the opportunity to take part in future activities. The school reserves the right to forbid a student from taking part in Offsite Activities if their behaviour at school indicates that they may not follow instructions, which could pose a safeguarding risk.

A minimum voluntary contribution of £190.00 is required to cover the cost of the minibuses, food and accommodation.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, you can now pay using ParentPay at www.parentpay.com. Please contact Ms Kennard, in the main office, if you do not have your log in details.

In order to secure your child's place on this trip, we require a deposit of **£65.00 by Friday 4 February 2022 (N.B. this deposit is non-refundable unless the whole trip is cancelled)**. We will then require two further payments of:

- 1. £65.00 no later than Friday 4 March 2022**
- 2. £60.00 no later than Friday 6 May 2022**



If you do not wish to pay online, please contact the School Office for a PayPoint letter which you can take to your local PayPoint enabled store and make a payment using the printed barcode.

Please ensure that you pay the initial deposit of **£65.00 by Friday 4 February 2022**. This will allow the school sufficient time to plan the trip based on the total number of students interested in taking part.

Please note that students will not be allowed to take part without a completed blue consent form (which we will issue at a later date). This trip is subject to the usual rules which are printed in your child's Link Book. Please pay particular attention to the section on Off Site Activities.

If the trip is cancelled due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, all monies paid will be refunded to parents and carers including the initial deposit.

Yours faithfully,

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