

October 2017

Dear Parent/carer

As part of the A Level Geography course, students are required to undertake fieldwork activities in preparation for the non-examined assessment, which is a piece of coursework worth 25%.

In order to give the students the best opportunities in which to complete this coursework, I will be taking the year 12 geography group to Swanage in Dorset. This will allow them to participate in primary data collection, as well as understanding coastal landforms and processes. Whilst we are in Swanage we will be carrying out fieldwork at various points along the coastline. Students will be able to choose an appropriate title for the NEA and complete their data collection, as well as write up part of their coursework. We will also be carrying out some urban fieldwork, should your child wish to focus their NEA on this section of the specification.

We will be leaving school on Sunday 17 June 2018 at approximately 4.00pm (time to be confirmed) and will be returning on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at approximately 7.00pm. We will be staying at Leeson House near Swanage and all food is included during the duration of our stay at the youth hostel, including breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal on the Monday and Tuesday, and breakfast and packed lunch on the Wednesday. Students will need a packed tea for the Sunday evening, plus plenty of snacks, and will also need some money to buy food on the Wednesday whilst we are travelling home.

As the weather will probably be very unpredictable, students need to ensure that they have the correct clothing for the trip. They will need a waterproof coat and trousers, some walking boots or similar, several layers of clothing and sun cream and sun hat if required. They will need to bring a towel and toiletries and a change of clothes to wear at Leeson House. They will also need an extra pair of shoes and/or slippers to wear whilst in the house in the evening. Bedding is provided. They will be working in the evenings in the classroom, so that we can make the most of our time with the tutors at Leeson House.

The cost of the trip is £265, which includes transport, tuition, accommodation and food. **A deposit of £50 is required by Friday 3 November 2017.** The remainder of the money can be paid in instalments. The final payment must be paid by Friday 30 March 2018. Our preferred method of payment is via ParentPay. Alternative you can pay by cheque or request a Paypoint barcode. Please complete, sign and return the slip below to reception by Friday 3 November 2017. Please make cheques payable to Heanor Gate Science College.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Yours sincerely

Chantelle Meakin
Teacher of Geography

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Please return to reception - A Level Geography trip to Swanage, Dorset

Name of Student RG

- I have paid £50 via ParentPay ✓
- I enclose a cheque for £50 ✓
- I require a Paypoint barcode ✓

Signed Date
(Parent/Carer)