



12th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Edexcel Fieldwork – Somerset
Tuesday 26th November to Friday 29th November 2019

As part of the Edexcel A Level Geography syllabus, I have arranged a residential fieldwork course for Year 13 students to **Nettlecombe Court Field Centre, Williton, Somerset**. This will take place from **Tuesday 26th November to Friday 29th November 2019**.

Students will be studying and measuring different aspects of the content studied in the Year 13 A Level Geography course to enable them to complete their Individual Investigations. This is the only non-examined part of the A Level course and consists of a written report of 3,000-4,000 words which makes up 20% of the Year 13 assessment. Whilst in Somerset, students will spend their time collecting data in the field, completing learning sessions in classrooms/ICT suites and, more importantly, starting off their piece of Coursework.

The total cost of this fieldwork trip is £345. This includes full board accommodation, transport costs to and from the centre and visits to multiple fieldwork sites, and classroom/ICT facilities for presentation and analysis of students' results. We will be travelling to and from Somerset in the school minibus.

I will talk to the students about equipment that is required, as some expensive equipment is available for hire at the Centre at a reasonable cost – removing the need to buy anything specially. It is essential that the students understand that they will be completing fieldwork outside in a variety of situations; clothing and general footwear therefore needs to be *sensible*. For example, jeans are not advised in wet weather. Students will also need to bring writing materials: pens, pencils, a notebook are a must, and a camera would be useful for recording techniques and processes.

Students' places can only be secured once payment has been received by Wisepay and reply slips have been returned to myself or the Humanities Office so that we have parental consent for your child to take part in this trip. Please ensure your child's emergency contact details and medical requirements that are held on our school system are up-to-date when confirming to attend.

Can payment either be made in full, or by following the payment schedule below:

- **Non-Refundable Deposit Payment of £50 by Friday 11th January 2019;** I appreciate that this is short notice, however November has become a popular time to visit this centre, so they require a holding deposit from us to secure our booking.
- **Second Payment of £100 by Friday 8th March 2019**
- **Third Payment of £95 by Friday 26th April 2019**
- **Final Payment of £100 by Friday 28th June 2019**

Yours sincerely

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