

May 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

**GCSE Geography Fieldtrips**

**River Holford** - **Wednesday 22 June 2022** (10A1, 10A2, 10B)  
                  **Thursday 23 June 2022** (10C1, 10C2, 10D)

**Bristol** - **Thursday 14 July 2022** (10A1, 10A2, 10B)  
                  **Friday 15 July 2022** (10C1, 10C2, 10D)

The Geography department is delighted to be able to offer our Year 10 students two fieldtrips in support of their Geography course. The first is the opportunity to visit the River Holford on **Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June**. The visit will enable your son/daughter to collect data of how the river changes from source to mouth.

The second trip is to Bristol on **Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July**. This visit will enable your son/daughter to collect data that shows what recreational opportunities are provided in Bristol from human and physical environments. The data collected on both days will be used to help your son/daughter complete their Paper 3: Geographical Applications Exam which is worth 30% of their overall Geography GCSE. They will write up their findings in class over an allocated time period.

Both trips will leave at **8.45am**, returning on **the same day at 3.00pm**. The total cost for both trips is **£28.00**, which includes coach travel to and from the River Holford, and Bristol. It is important that students are fully prepared on both days with the right attire for their fieldwork. Students are advised to wear appropriate footwear for walking i.e. walking boots or wellies for getting into the river. They are also advised to wear appropriate clothing to suit the weather conditions on the day of the trip i.e. waterproof coat and trousers, warm layers, cool clothes or sun hat etc. Students should also bring any sun cream or medication (e.g. antihistamines or other medication) as required. Students will need to bring a pencil case, pencil, pen and a rubber. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch with snacks and a drink for the day. If possible, a camera should be taken so each student can take photos to include in their controlled assessment.

**The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:**

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.

- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the abovementioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate

Payment for these trips will be available on PaprentPay from **Tuesday 10 May** and must be made by **Monday 16 May**. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, the date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or [Asnowdon@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:Asnowdon@kowessex.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
*Alison Snowdon*

**Mrs A. Snowdon**  
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