



September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork – Tuesday 23 October

As part of their GCSE AQA Geography course, students are required to complete two fieldwork days. All data collected during the day will be written up and assessed in the unit three examination in June. In contrast to their coastal fieldwork, we will be visiting Stratford and the Olympic Park to collect primary data and develop case study knowledge on the challenges in cities, investigating housing, transport and regeneration. All tuition on the day will be provided by the Fieldstudies Council London who specialise in fieldwork in the area relevant to the AQA syllabus. The date of the fieldwork will be **Tuesday 23 October**.

Students will register at 7.50am in the Chapel on the morning of the trip, ready to depart by coach at 8.00am. They will be required to bring a packed lunch on the day they are out of school. Students must wear full school uniform including sensible footwear (trainers may be worn). They must be prepared for all weather conditions and bring a suitable coat or raincoat as all work is completed outdoors. Students will be supervised in their fieldwork by members of staff, including a Geography teacher as well as the Fieldstudies Council tutor. It should be noted, however, that students may, at times, not be under the direct supervision of staff (eg at lunchtime), although they will be informed as to the location of staff should the need arise. They will travel by coach to Stratford; the coach will return to school at approximately 5.00pm. Please could you make arrangements for your son/daughter to be collected at this time.

The cost for this trip will be £35.80. Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option) or by cheque payable to Ashlyns School. All permission slips should be returned to the Finance box outside the staffroom by Wednesday 3 October at the latest. Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. If the trip or activity is linked to the National Curriculum, as in this case, contributions are voluntary, but if contributions are insufficient the trip may have to be cancelled. No student will be denied participation in the trip because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence.

We hope that you will fully support us in emphasising the importance both of appropriate behaviour on the visit and completion of the work so that students can achieve the best possible marks for this important GCSE unit. If you have any questions or comments regarding this activity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Student Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Stratford.

I have paid via WisePay (our preferred option) Ref Number:

I enclose a cheque for £35.80 payable to Ashlyns School

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____