



Dear Parent/Carer

February 2020

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork - River Chess

As part of their GCSE Geography course, students are required to complete two days of fieldwork. Students are then examined on this in Paper 3, Geographical Applications, which makes up 30% of their final GCSE grade. Their first day of fieldwork will be an investigation into how the river course changes as it flows downstream. In order to gather fieldwork data, students will undertake a full day of fieldwork activities along the River Chess, based at the Amersham Field Centre, on **either Wednesday 3 June or Friday 5 June**. The date will be confirmed nearer the time. Further details of the second fieldwork investigation will be confirmed at the beginning of Year 11.

Students will report to school in the morning at 8.15am and register in the Chapel. They will be required to bring a packed lunch on the day they are out of school. Students must wear appropriate clothing for fieldwork. All students **must bring a pair of wellies to wear** and sensible shoes (trainers) should be worn to and from the centre. Students will be supervised in their fieldwork by Geography teachers and the fieldwork will be led by staff from the field centre. 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, returning to school at approximately 4.00pm. Please could you make arrangements for your son/daughter to be collected at this time.

The cost for this trip will be **£39.00**. Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option) or by cheque payable to Ashlyns School. Please complete the attached permission slip and return to the Finance box outside the staffroom by **Monday 9 March** at the latest. Please note that if payment is made by Wisepay it is not necessary to complete and return the permission slip.

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 by Tuesday 25 February.

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 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip to the Amersham Field Centre.

I enclose a cheque for £39.00 payable to Ashlyns School

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

