



February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography Residential Fieldwork

Location: Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Dorset

Dates: Sunday 12 June to Wednesday 15 June 2022

As part of the Edexcel A level Geography course students must complete fieldwork to support them in the completion of their Individual Investigation Coursework; this constitutes 20% of the overall A Level grade. We are delighted to inform you that we have just received confirmation that our planned residential field trip to Leeson House Field Studies Centre in Swanage is able to go ahead. This will provide students with a first-class fieldwork experience in a range of physical and human environments, giving them the best support possible to develop their coursework titles and design their own enquiry. The fieldwork is led directly by centre staff who have considerable expertise in fieldwork and they will work with us to support your son/daughter with this vital piece of coursework.

The total cost for this trip will be £284. The cost includes all transport, accommodation, food and tuition. A deposit (instalment 1) of £100 is required by 1 March 2022 in order to secure the booking with the centre. The second instalment of £100 is due by 1 April 2022 and the final instalment of £84 is to be paid by 1 May 2022. Payments can be made using ParentPay (our preferred option) or by cheque payable to Ashlyns School. Cheques should be sent in a named envelope, marked A Level Geography Residential Fieldwork and put in the Finance box outside the staffroom.

Please note, the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. As this trip is linked to the National Curriculum, costs over and above the bed and board are contributions, however, if these 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 as soon as possible and by Tuesday 22 February at the latest.

If, at any stage, you withdraw your child from the trip for any reason not covered by an insurance claim, or if your child is withdrawn by the school due to serious behavioural issues, then the cancellation charges laid out by Leeson House will apply and you may be subject to an additional cancellation charge over the cost shown above. These cancellation terms are available to view on request.

We will write to you as soon as we can with final details of the visit. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information about this field trip. Further information on the centre can also be found at: <http://www.leesonhouse.com/>

Yours sincerely



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A Level Geography Residential Fieldwork – Please return to the Finance box outside the staffroom by 1 March 2022

Please note that if payment is made by ParentPay, a completed permission slip is not required.

Student name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the Geography residential field trip from **Sunday 12 June to Wednesday 15 June 2022.**

I enclose a cheque for the deposit payment of £100, made payable to Ashlyns School

I have been accepted onto the 16-19 Bursary and am requesting funding

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____