



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork - Rivers Study - Amersham Field Studies Centre

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 Wye, based at the Amersham Field Centre, on **either Tuesday 17 or Wednesday 18 October**. The date will be confirmed nearer the time.

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 on 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 (e.g. 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 child to be collected at this time.

The cost for this trip will be **£39.00** to be paid by ParentPay. Payment must be made in full by Monday 2 October 2023.

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 Thursday 21 September.

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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