



January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork - Urban Study - Stratford London

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 second day of fieldwork will be an investigation into how regeneration has affected an urban area. In order to gather fieldwork data, students will undertake a full day of fieldwork activities around Stratford; this will involve walking through the local area and collecting data on **either Tuesday 19 or Wednesday 20 March**. Classes taught by Miss Hirst and Miss Jackson will be taking part on 19 March, and classes taught by Mr Hodge and Ms Thoma will be going on 20 March.

Students will report to school in the morning at 8.20am and register in the dining hall; they will be required to bring a packed lunch on the day they are out of school. Students must wear appropriate clothing for fieldwork and **must bring a coat** and sensible shoes (trainers). Gloves are also highly recommended, as it may be cold. Students will be supervised on their fieldwork by Geography teachers and other Ashlyns staff. 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 the slightly later time of approximately 3.30pm. Please could you make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time.

The cost for this trip will be **£22.00**, to be paid by ParentPay. Payment must be made in full by **Monday 12 February 2024**.

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 Monday 5 February 2024**.

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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