



December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **A Level Geography Residential Fieldwork**

**Location:** The Cranedale Centre, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 8DB

**Dates:** Tuesday 1 April to Friday 4 April 2025

As part of the Edexcel A level Geography course, students must complete four days of fieldwork in conjunction with completing the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) element of the course. The compulsory NEA is an individual investigation which constitutes more than 20% of the overall A Level grade. This fieldwork cannot be a solely local study, and therefore students are expected to learn case studies and conduct fieldwork away from their immediate area.

I am writing to inform you of a forthcoming residential field trip to the Cranedale Centre, which will provide students with a first-class fieldwork experience in a range of physical and human environments. This will give them the best support possible to develop their coursework titles and design their own enquiry.

The total cost for this trip is £599, which includes all transport, accommodation, food and tuition.

The fieldwork is led directly by centre staff who have considerable expertise in this area; they will work with us to support students with this vital piece of coursework. Students will have access to teaching rooms, labs and all equipment required to support them in completing their work. They will be completing a fieldwork course designed according to the Edexcel exam specification; this will include taking part in fieldwork exercises, collecting data and classroom sessions on GIS and statistics. Students will be collecting data relating to their Globalisation, Changing places, Coasts and Water and Carbon cycle units; they will also collect data for their NEA in multiple locations, including our coastal case study for sediment cells and eroding coastlines.

Students will be staying in the Cranedale Centre in dormitory style accommodation. Students will be provided with breakfast, packed lunches and an evening meal; they should bring a packed lunch with them to eat on the way to the centre but all other lunches will be provided for them.

A suggested packing list will be provided in the new year, but this will include suitable clothing for being outdoors and long walks, a backpack and stationery to complete the coursework. We do have outdoor walking equipment available to be borrowed and if any student wishes to do this, please get in contact with Miss Hirst ([ahirst@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ahirst@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk))

In order to secure our booking, a non-refundable deposit of £149 is required by 1 January 2025. Payment may be made by ParentPay. Payments, once made, are non-refundable.

The balance will be due as follows:

First instalment of £150 by 31 January 2025

Second instalment of £150 by 28 February 2025

Final instalment of £150 by 20 March 2025

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office, (email [jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)) in confidence, as soon as possible and by 6 January 2025 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 the Cranedale Centre 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 in due course with final details about the visit. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information about this field trip.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Hirst  
Head of Geography

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Please only complete and return this form to Finance by 6 January if you have been accepted onto the 16-19 bursary.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I give permission for my child to take part in the A Level Residential Fieldwork trip to the Cranedale Centre, from 1 to 4 April 2025.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_