



April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 Geography Fieldwork - Coastal Study - Walton-On-The-Naze

As part of their GCSE Geography course, students are required to complete two days of fieldwork. Students are then examined on this in Paper 2, UK Geography and Geographical applications, which makes up 30% of their final GCSE grade. Their first day of fieldwork will be an investigation into how coastlines can be managed. In order to gather fieldwork data, students will undertake a full day of fieldwork activities along the beach at Walton-On-The-Naze. This will be on either 1 June or 2 June. Ms Animashaun's, and Ms Jackson's Class (10C and 10B) will be going on 1 June. Ms Thomas' class (10A.1) and both of Ms Hirst's classes (10A.2 and 10D) will be going on 2 June.

Students will report to school in the morning at 8.15am and register in the KS3 lunch hall. They will be required to bring a packed lunch on the day they are out of school. There is no opportunity for them to purchase food on this trip. Students must wear appropriate clothing for fieldwork and have their mobile phones in their phone pouches. All students **must bring a pair of wellies to wear or trainers they can get wet** and a pair of dry shoes (trainers) should be worn. Students will be supervised on their fieldwork by Geography teachers and the fieldwork will be led by school staff. It should be noted 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 4.30pm. Please could you make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time.

The cost for this trip will be **£29.00**, to be paid by ParentPay. Payment must be made in full by **Thursday 7 May 2026**.

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 Ms Stringer ([jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)) in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Monday 4 May 2026.

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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