

19th November 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of their AS level in Geography, students are required to complete a unit called Geographical Investigations. This unit is based on fieldwork and is designed to include data response, investigation and evaluation skills and students have to complete at least 2 days of fieldwork. As part of the Geography IB, students are required to complete an individual piece of coursework worth 25% of their final level. As a response to these requirements, we are organising a fieldtrip to Swanage and the Dorset coast from Monday February 8th to Wednesday 10th and hope that all AS and IB students will be able to attend.

Students will complete fieldwork in Bournemouth and Boscombe focussed on regeneration and re-imaging and Lulworth Cover, Studland Bay and Poole which will focus on conflicts and uses of valuable coasts.

We intend to travel by coach and stay at Swanage Youth Hostel, where all meals will be provided. The cost will be £130 per student. The school is unable to meet the cost of the trip from its own funds so the visit will only be able to go ahead if parents are prepared to pay a voluntary contribution to the cost of the trip. However, if all parents are not prepared to make the contribution then the visit may not be able to take place for any of the students. If you are in receipt of income support or other benefits it may be possible for some financial assistance to be provided. We may be able to apply for a grant on behalf of students who receive EMA payments which would cover part of cost. Please contact Mrs Pellington, in the Finance Office to discuss before the payment deadline.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend the fieldtrip, I would be very grateful if you could send in your payment together with the consent form by Friday December 11th 2009. If you would prefer to pay in two instalments, please contact the Finance Office. Please return to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office in an envelope marked with the student's name and the name of the trip. I will issue more information in due course but if you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

S Hosegood
Head of Geography

Reply to: Box outside Finance Office by Friday 11th December

Student's Name Form

I do/do not* wish my son/daughter to participate in the Swanage field trip from 8th -10th February

I am/am not* prepared to make the contribution requested and enclose payment of £130

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.

B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are for this visit only permanent.

Signed Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date