

Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Swanage, February 8th – 10th

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you very much for sending in the payment and forms for the above trip. I am now writing to give final details about the trip.

Students are to **attend school as normal in the morning** on Monday 8th but can bring their bags up to the Geography department or leave them in the sixth form common room. We will meet at the end of lunchtime in the dining room to travel to Swanage by coach. We intend to return to school by **7:00pm on Wednesday 10th February**, but our exact time of arrival will of course be dependent on traffic. I am not going to organise a phone tree for the return journey because most students should be able to contact parents via their own or a member of staff's mobile phone. During our trip we will be staying at Swanage Youth Hostel; the contact details are listed below, but please only contact us in the case of an emergency.

**Swanage Youth Hostel,
Cluny,
Cluny Crescent,
Swanage
BH19 2BS
Tel: 0845 371 9346**

As mentioned in an earlier letter, the purpose of the trip is to collect field data for the student's AS fieldwork exam and I.B coursework. This will involve three main fieldwork activities:

1. Assessing the need for regeneration and re-imaging of Bournemouth
2. Examining the impact of users on Studland Bay and Sandbanks vulnerable ecosystems.
3. Investigating the plans for the new surfing reef at Boscombe.

There is a kit list below which outlines items that your child will need to take. Waterproofs and warm clothing are essential and we advise against jeans for fieldwork activities. It will be very cold along the coast and we will be outside for the majority of the days.

Kit list

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Warm clothes (several thin layers are preferable to a heavy thick coat)
- Strong and comfortable walking shoes/boots
- Waterproof day bag (e.g. a small rucksack)
- Casual clothes to wear around hotel
- Clothes to sleep in
- Pencil case, writing equipment and a calculator
- Large (bigger than A4 size) clear plastic bag to go over clip board if it rains.
- Clip board
- Camera
- Towel and wash kit

All meals will be provided starting with dinner on the Monday night. Opportunities for spending money will be limited, so students are advised to bring only a small amount of spending money. The school cannot bear any liability if valuables are lost or stolen during the trip.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hosegood
Head of Geography.