



Our Ref: PS156/22-23

Date: 27th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP 2023

The new OCR A-level Geography specification includes a requirement for students to complete geographical field work in order to be able to complete the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) which is worth 20% of their final grade. As part of the compulsory course requirements for the OCR A-Level Geography course, students must complete at least one day of fieldwork.

Leeson House Field Studies Centre 28th-30th September 2023

On Thursday 28th September 2023, we will be travelling to Leeson House Field Studies Centre in Swanage for a two night residential. This will include a visit to Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove, Bournemouth and Swanage Bay where we will investigate the coastal part of the Physical Systems paper. We will then spend a day in Boscombe to look at the impact of regeneration and sustainability, which will help develop concepts taught in the Changing Place; Making Spaces unit of the course. Please visit this website should you wish to see more details: <https://leesonhouse.com/a-level-geography.html>

All students must be at the front of the school at **8am (28/09/23)** in order for us to be able to make the most of the day. We will be travelling by minibus and will be making a stop at the Southampton Docks to build upon the Southampton Docks case study. We will aim to return by **4pm (30/09/23)**, traffic dependent.

Whilst in Swanage, we will be working with a field studies centre who have expert knowledge of the various places we will be visiting. They have included three study sessions where students will be able to collate and conclude their fieldwork investigations, using the onsite facilities.

There will be another school party staying at Leeson House at the same time as our trip.

Students will need small **suitcases** for the 2 night visit which will need to include 3/4 changes of clothing in the event of any adverse weather conditions. It is highly recommended that you check the weather

forecast for the area the day before to inform what clothing may be required (please see a more detailed kit list at the end of this letter). Bedding is provided.

In order to cover the cost of travel, specialist teaching, food and accommodation for the trip, we are asking for a **contribution of £220** which is on your ParentPay account. This includes the ParentPay fee.

Please pay a non refundable deposit of £120 by Friday 7 April 2023 with the balance of £100 by Friday 7th July. The balance may be paid in 3 monthly instalments if you prefer.

In order for the trip to be viable, we will need all the A-level Geography students to sign up for the trip.

Your consent to your child attending this trip will be deemed to have been given by you logging into your ParentPay account and paying for this trip. You will also be asked for your contact details and any medical details that your child may have.

In order that we may share information about your child with Leeson House, Dorset and to comply with current data protection regulations, we need your consent. This consent is also included in the details on ParentPay.

We must tell you that, as the school could not bear any of the costs of the trip without reducing its ability to provide the books and materials that are essential for its curricular needs, the trip cannot take place unless all parents who are able to are willing to contribute. As this is a compulsory part of the examination requirement, each Geography student will need to attend the trip but if you are unable to contribute the full amount, please contact me in confidence, in writing, by **Friday 24 February 2023**.

Students are required to provide up to date Medical Information prior to this trip and the Medical consent form is attached. Please return completed forms to me or Mrs Passfield via Main Reception.

Students are expected to abide by our School's Code of Conduct for trips, a copy of which is attached.

When collecting/ dropping off students for events outside of school hours, please could you park either in the staff car park or outside the school site to ensure student safety. Please remember to observe parking restrictions (double yellow lines) and not to obstruct residents' driveways.

Important Covid information

Should there be changes in government guidelines which results in a trip having to be cancelled as has happened previously during the pandemic, we are no longer able to claim on WSCC insurance for any loss. For this reason we are now only booking trips where the company providing the trip offers a robust cancellation/refund system in respect of Covid cancellations.

Also insurance for individual cancellation is currently very difficult to acquire and therefore it is necessary to point out that should your child test positive for Coronavirus or have to self isolate and be unable to take part in the trip, then you will not receive a refund for the place you have booked.

We will review the Government's guidance relating to Covid at the time of the trip and we will keep you updated. Depending on guidelines at the time of the trip, students may be required to take a lateral flow test the evening before the trip and/or to wear a face mask whilst sitting on the coach/mini bus.

As a general precaution students will need to bring their own sanitiser and social distancing will be in place when in groups.

If you have any queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me on tritchie@theangmeringschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Tom Ritchie

Head of Geography

Advised Kit List	Check
Jumper	
Wet weather coat	
Jeans and Joggers (not ideal in wet weather conditions)	
Waterproof trousers are advised	
3-4 T-shirts	
Plenty of socks / underwear	
Hat and/or gloves in cold conditions	
Casual evening wear	
Pyjamas / sleeping attire	
Footwear	
Old trainers / walking boots (preferably water resistant)	
Wellington boots for coastal fieldwork (if you have them)	
Casual shoes for the evenings	
Other Essentials	
Shampoo and/or shower gel	

Toothbrush and toothpaste	
Deodorant	
Towel for shower	
Equipment:	
Pens/ pencils	
Ruler	
Calculator	
Phone	
Water Bottle	