



Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 10 GCSE FIELDWORK

Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th March 2024	Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th May 2024
Urban Day - East Village, Olympic Park	Rivers Day - Juniper Hall, Dorking
Arrive at school at 7.30am	Arrive at school at 8.25am

As part of your son's/daughter's Geography GCSE course they are required to carry out two pieces of fieldwork. It is in preparation for Exam Paper 3 - Geographical Application, which is 30% of the total Geography examination mark. In order to fulfil this important aspect of the course, the two following fieldtrips have been arranged. All students need to attend day both days. Both trips will be run by Field Studies Council (FSC) staff who specialise in these topics.

Due to there being a high number of Yr10 geography students, the cohort will be split over two days for each trip. Your son/daughter will attend one of these days and they will be informed of which day this will be once groupings have been sorted. They will need to arrive **promptly** at school by **07.30 for the East village, Olympic Park trip** and **08.25 for the Rivers trip**.

To help your child be successful in preparing for their GCSE Geography trip please attend a meeting at school on **Monday 11th March** where key information about the trip will be shared. Please could you confirm your attendance via this link. <https://forms.office.com/e/PNjFajL45B>

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The work from this Sustainable Cities study will form the basis of the revision notes for Paper 3 - Geographical Application exam and directly links to topics in Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment. <i>It is very important that your son/daughter takes detailed notes throughout the day.</i>	The work from this Rivers study will form the basis of the revision notes for Paper 3 - Geographical Application exam and directly link to topics in Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment. <i>It is very important that your son/daughter takes detailed notes throughout the day.</i>
Checklist of clothing and equipment Students will be expected to wear appropriate clothing suited to the activity	Checklist of clothing and equipment Students will be expected to wear appropriate clothing suited to the activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waterproof jacket ○ Warm outer clothing e.g. fleece, hat, and gloves – as appropriate to the weather condition that day ○ Pencil/biro x4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waterproof jacket ○ Appropriate clothing for the day – students will be taking measurements in the river.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clipboard – optional (Clipboards have been requested, we have a limited amount, please bring one if you can) ○ Large clear plastic bag to cover clipboard in wet weather - optional ○ Camera to take photographs to include in your final work – optional but highly recommended ○ Packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the whole day – there will be nowhere to buy food! ○ ○ Back Pack/Rucksack – not a handbag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weather dependent - apply sun cream before school and brings some to top up throughout the day ○ Pencil/biro x4 ○ Clipboard – optional (Clipboards have been requested, we have a limited amount, please bring one if you can) ○ Large clear plastic bag to cover clipboard in wet weather - optional ○ Camera to take photographs to include in your final work – optional but highly recommended ○ Packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the whole day – there will be nowhere to buy food! ○ Back Pack/Rucksack – not a handbag ○ Wellington boots – they will need to stand in the river. Boots will be available to borrow for free at the centre.
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Students can wear their own clothes but this will need to be appropriate clothing suited to the environment. Any student not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate and will spend the day in school.

Students will be transported by coach and will be escorted by staff at all times. In the interest of health and safety, students who fail to follow the school’s expected code of behaviour will not be considered for this activity. Unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour in school prior to the trip may result in your child being withdrawn from the activity.

As this is a compulsory element of your child’s GCSE course, the school subsidises the cost of the trip. The cost covers external instruction on both days by fully trained Field Studies Council staff and all transport costs for the day. The cost of both trips combined is **£70 per child**. Please log into Scopay to fill in the consent form, medical form and pay for the trips – this can be done in two instalments if required.

No student may take part unless we receive the parental consent form and medical form. If you wish to pay in instalments the first payment (£35) and medical form must be received by **Monday 4th March** the second payment (£35) must be received by **Wednesday 1st May** If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

The Geography Department