



A place to flourish

2nd October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yr 10 Geography Field Trip to South Wales

Tues 25th – Fri 28th June 2024

As fieldwork is still an integral part of the GCSE specification, the Geography Department has arranged for year 10 students to carry out investigations in a range of places that directly link to their GCSE units of study. The students are required to cover fieldwork into physical geography themes, such as sand dunes and river studies, as well as surveys in an urban context. The four-day trip will be used to reinforce theories learned in class, as well as helping students to prepare for their Paper 3 Geographical Investigations written exam at the end of year 11, worth 30% of their geography GCSE. Conducting fieldwork is a compulsory part of the AQA GCSE geography syllabus. As such, if any student is unable to attend, they will be required to undertake two days of supervised fieldwork in their own time, in a local context.

The trip begins with an assessment of the success of urban regeneration in Cardiff Bay, then moves to Oxwich Bay to study sand dunes compared to theory, and culminates with a trip to the Gower Peninsula to study coastal landforms and a river investigation.

We are staying at the Premier Travel Inn in Swansea and accommodation will be on a half-board basis with evening meals being scheduled at local restaurants. In addition to our field studies, we have arranged some fun activities too – mini golf and paintballing. Assuming full take up of places, the trip will cost **in the region of £315-£340 per student**, including coach travel, all excursions, insurance (please note that personal items such as mobile phones, iPods and cameras are not covered on the school's insurance policy) and half board accommodation, starting with evening meal on Tuesday. These costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions.

To secure a place for your child, please **reply submit your response below** and make your **non-refundable deposit payment of £100** on Parent Pay **by Weds 1st November 2023**.

Further instalments will be due as follows:

Interim payment £120 due by Weds 31st January 2024

Final payment £120 (TBC) due by Monday 1st April 2024.

We do not want cost to be a barrier. We work closely with the James Marshall Foundation who can provide funding for students with a low family income, living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate. You can apply online for a funding grant by clicking here: <https://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk/apply-forfunding.html>. If you live outside of these areas and need funding for this trip, or wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office (finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk) no later than Friday 20th October 2023.

SEND Support for this trip

A member of the Learning Support Team will be present on this trip to support any student who has additional needs. If your child has additional needs and you are concerned about their attendance on this trip, then please get in touch with Mrs Hall at the earliest convenience. We are fully committed to ensuring that all of our students can participate in trips, regardless of their individual circumstances.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you must notify us immediately in writing as you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip. Similarly, if the conduct or wellbeing of a student gives cause for concern during the trip, parents will be asked to collect the student and would not be entitled to any refund.

If you have any queries relating to this trip please do not hesitate to contact Miss Mooney (trip leader) or myself.

Kind regards,

Cara Manton

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Residential Trip Coordinator

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Permission Slip

Year 10 Geography Field Studies Trip to South Wales 25-28 June 2024

I would like my son/daughter to attend the above residential trip.

I agree to pay the deposit via ParentPay by 1st November 2023.

I understand my deposit is non-refundable unless the school can find a replacement and that any cancellation must be put in writing to the Finance Office. Furthermore, I understand that I will be liable for any additional cancellation charges should my son/daughter withdraw from the trip.

Name of Signatory:

Relationship to student:

Signature:

Date.....