



1st Dec 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yr 10 Geography Field Trip to South Wales

Tues 23rd – Thurs 25th June 2026

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 three 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. Students are expected to attend.

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 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 a paintballing activity on the last day to add some fun! Assuming full take up of places, the trip will cost **in the region of £270 per student**, including coach travel, all excursions, insurance (please note that personal items such as mobile phones, 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 **submit your permission [HERE](#) by Monday 15th December**, and make your **non-refundable deposit payment of £90** on Parent Pay **by Friday 9th January 2026**.


Further instalments will be due as follows:

Interim payment £90 due by 28th February 2026

Final payment £90 due by 30th April 2026


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Support with Trip Costs

We understand that the cost of residential educational trips can be a significant financial challenge for some families. The James Marshall Foundation (JMF) is a local charity, that provides grants towards the cost of education and career-related opportunities for financially disadvantaged young people between the ages of 4 and 24 years. JMF can help those **living** in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Redbourn, Kimpton, Markyate and Flamstead.

Please note that funding is only available for residential trips, not day trips, and the grant will be a contribution rather than the full cost. Applications can be made online via the James Marshall Foundation website, and the charity aims to respond within two weeks.

If you live outside of these areas and need funding for this trip, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office (finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk) no later than Friday 12th December.

SEND Support for this trip

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 and will provide support and reasonable adjustments as required, to make this possible.

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,

Miss C Manton

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