



## Yr 12 Geography Field Studies Trip to Liverpool

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an essential part of the A Level geography course, all students need to complete a geographical fieldwork investigation in either a coastal or urban environment. The Geography Department has arranged for fieldwork to be carried out in Liverpool city centre to investigate urban regeneration, as well as to study sand dunes and coastal habitats and processes in nearby Formby. Having first been shown the range of topics for study in each location, the students will then be supported in formulating their own geographical enquiry with an individually planned question/hypothesis and methodology. Assisted by geography staff, students will then have two full days to collect primary data to fulfil the aims of their investigation in either Liverpool's city centre or along Formby's coastline. This primary research will be used to write an individual coursework project (NEA) which accounts for 20% of their overall A level grade.

We estimate that the **cost of this trip will be around £550 per student**, depending on interest and includes research support by qualified Geographers, all transport, full board accommodation at the YHA Albert Dock an evening meal in a local restaurant on the last night and evening activities. Scheduled entertainment activities will include an escape room, bowling, and a tour of the Liver building. All costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions.

The trip cost includes insurance. Please note that personal items such as mobile phones and cameras are not covered on the school's insurance policy.

To secure a place for your son/daughter, please complete the permission form [HERE](#) and make your **non-refundable deposit payment of £100** on Parent Pay **by Monday 23rd February 2026**.

The remaining payments will be due as follows:

£225 by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

£225 by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 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 these areas and need help funding this trip, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office no later than 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **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 well-being 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 the trip leader Ms Mooney or myself.

Kind regards

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