

Our ref: SWI/GHR

6 October 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

**Re: Year 11 Geography trip to York**

During year 10 students worked on paper 1 content and started paper 2 content which we are now continuing in year 11. To support their grasp of some key ideas as well as providing experience of fieldwork activities, a requirement for the GCSE, we intend to take a trip to York. This fieldwork experience will be the first of two experiences that build towards the paper 3 examination.

Fieldwork experiences are an important part of the geography curriculum and allow students to experience geography beyond the classroom in a way that we cannot recreate in a classroom. As such we would like all students to attend. To allow the trip to go ahead we would like to request a contribution of £12.00 to go towards the cost of the coach. This can be paid through Parent Pay and the consent form can be completed on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/2dHwLCeenm>

We will be taking the students to York to experience some river management techniques and look at whether York is a typical city centre through the collection of a range of fieldwork data. This will take place on Wednesday 1st November 2023. Whilst at the location students will be working in small teacher led groups to support the understanding of key elements.

Due to the importance of the data collection, it may be necessary to decide whether some students should be involved in the fieldwork or stay in school. This information will be shared with you at the earliest opportunity.

Due to the nature of the day students will not need to be in full school uniform. However, clothing worn should be smart, comfortable, and appropriate for the weather conditions forecast. Sturdy shoes are also necessary due to the amount of walking planned for the day (trainers would be appropriate.) Students will need a bag (school bag would suffice), in which they can carry equipment, additional clothing and food if they wish.

As the location has a range of facilities students should either bring a packed lunch or indeed some money with which to purchase some food. Students will have access to a small number of options for their lunch.

Students will be departing school at about 8.30am by coach and returning to school between 4 and 4.30pm obviously depending upon traffic.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Wilson

**Teacher of Geography**