

Ref:SML/swa
8th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: GCSE Geography Coursework Fieldtrip – Friday 15th June and Friday 22nd June 2018

The Geography department is pleased to offer a fieldwork trip to Edale in the Peak District. The trip will be a fantastic opportunity to support the learning and development of skills needed throughout the GCSE and A level courses. Whilst not mandatory it is highly recommended that students attend where possible.

The primary purpose of the trip is to gain access to a specialist centre and resources, providing an opportunity to collect individual fieldwork data for coursework. This also provides students with the opportunity to see river processes and landforms in the field; acting as a clear revision tool for the summer 2019 examinations. Arrangements will be made for students who do not attend this trip to receive sample data for coursework.

This trip will take place on either Friday 15th June or Friday 22nd June, students will be informed of what date they will be required to attend in due course. Please let Mrs Malia know if there will be difficulty attending one of the dates before Monday 20th February. Travel to and from the Peak District will be via coach and Mini bus, departing at 7am from The Duston School and returning at 7pm.

This opportunity is being offered to GCSE Geography students and a voluntary contribution* of £24 per student is required for this trip to run. Contributions will cover travel, activities, guides and use of equipment. Please be aware that the trip may have to be cancelled should these contributions not be forthcoming.

Payments should be made through the online ParentPay system for which you will have received your activation letter and instructions for. This will be available from Monday 23rd January 2018, with the deadline for payments being Friday 23rd March 2018. If you wish your son/daughter to attend this trip, you will also need to complete an Offsite Consent Form which can be found on the school website under Students – school trips. The completed form should be returned to Mrs S Malia by Monday 9th April 2018.

Should you require your ParentPay details to be sent to you again, please email parentpay@thedustonschool.org with your child's name and tutor group. Please be aware that this process should be done in advance of the payment due date.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behavior or attendance issues of students the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds on monies paid will be forthcoming.

For any further enquiries please contact Mrs S Malia through the email given below.

Yours Sincerely,



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* Please refer to the Remissions section of the Charging Policy available on request or on the school website.

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