



Saint Paul's Catholic High School

1st March 2018

GCSE Geography Fieldtrip

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to confirm details for our first GCSE Geography fieldtrip for Y11, as outlined in our previous newsletter.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday, 13th March**. We will be travelling by coach to the Goyt Valley in the Peak District. Pupils will be spending the day completing a fieldwork study of a river environment in order to examine how features and characteristics of a river change as it travels downstream.

Fieldwork is a compulsory part of GCSE Geography studies and is assessed on the Paper 3 examination. This fieldtrip is being funded by the school and by Greater Manchester Higher, who have kindly offered to pay for the costs for the trip. The trip will be led by staff from the Peak District National Park Authority, usual school boundaries regarding behaviour and conduct will apply. Pupils will be accompanied at all times by staff from the school.

We will be departing school during registration so it is vital your child is in school at the usual start time of 8.40am on this date. We will be leaving the Goyt Valley at 4pm, so hope to be back in school between 5pm and 5.30pm, traffic dependent. Pupils will be instructed to contact you when we are a short distance away if they are being collected with their arrival time.

Pupils are asked to wear their own clothes for the fieldtrip, however this needs to be suitable for conducting work in a river. Waterproof coats are a requirement. Clothes and shoes are likely to get wet and muddy so old clothes are recommended. Jeans should not be worn as these are not suitable for the fieldwork we will be carrying out. We recommend that pupils wear sturdy shoes and bring a change of trousers and shoes in case these get wet. If pupils have wellies they should bring these with them.

Pupils are welcome to bring mobile phones and mp3 players for use on the coach, however these are bought at their own risk and pupils are responsible for these items at all times. **Pupils will also need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and water/drinks for the day. There are no facilities nearby for pupils to buy lunch. Pupils who receive a free school meal will be given a grab bag on the day.**

Please could you complete the attached permission and medical slip in detail and return to Miss Allsopp no later than Thursday, 8th March.

Thank you for your support of your child's Geography studies. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Yours sincerely

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Pupil name: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the GCSE Geography fieldtrip to the Goyt Valley on Tuesday 13th March.

Signed: _____

Parent name: _____

Date: _____

My child has the following medical needs:

I confirm I will provide a packed lunch on the day for my child:

My child is entitled to Free School Meals. Please provide them with a grab bag:

I understand that my child is responsible for their own personal items during the trip, including mobile phones, and that these are used in accordance with the schools mobile phone policy:

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