

28th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: GCSE Geography Dorset Field Study Visit

The Geography Department are pleased to offer Cohort 10 GCSE Geographers the chance to participate in a 3 night residential trip to some of the most glorious coastal sites the UK has to offer. We will stay at the PGL centre at Osmington Bay near Weymouth. From there we will visit Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door as well as Weymouth Bay and Chesil Beach at Portland. We may even get along to West Bay (where Broadchurch is filmed). This area of the country features heavily in our GCSE textbook and for the learners, it will be like walking through the pages they would only otherwise get to see in a textbook. Additionally we will have a human geography lens whilst looking at the pressure that tourism places on the local area; we will investigate the controversial issues of house building and second homes.

The PGL centre at Osmington Bay offers full board accommodation, equipment and classroom facilities so that by the end of the visit the field work components will be complete. The dates of the trip are **Friday 27th March - Monday 30th March 2020** and the provisional cost of the trip is **£275** based on 30 learners participating. The cost will include coach travel, work booklets, accommodation and food. Learners will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day and their own single duvet (or a sleeping bag), duvet cover, pillow and pillowcase. We have provisionally booked enough spaces for all GCSE Geography learners to participate should they wish. The booking needs to be confirmed so we would ask that you return the attached **expression of interest slip** by **Thursday 11th July**. We will then confirm if the visit can go ahead and ask you for a first **non-refundable deposit of £36** by Tuesday 3rd September.

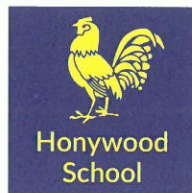
As part of your son/daughter's GCSE in Geography we need to undertake 2 pieces of fieldwork, which they will then write up and will be examined on at the end of Cohort 11. In addition to the distinctive landscapes unit, we can also complete the human focused field work by looking at the pressure to build new homes and the issues of tourism and second homes in our coastal towns. If your child would prefer not to participate in the Dorset residential they will be offered a one day field work to a local coastal location such as Walton-on-the-Naze. Then we will conduct a local study looking at housing pressure in the London commuter belt for the human element. This way every GCSE Geography learner will have completed some coastal and local field work to refer to in their physical and human world exams.

The school is insured through Zurich Travel Assistance for its legal liability for any accident or injury to the learner or their property, but accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury where there is no negligence and covers such areas as medical expenses, personal accident, loss of money, loss of baggage, etc. The amounts involved are small but cover all school trips. Details can be seen in school but parents may like to check their own policies for cover of children and, if necessary, take out further insurance. The school and visit leader cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones, mp3 players or any similar equipment that your youngster chooses to take on any school trip.

If you have any further questions, please contact me via kbrinkley@honywoodschool.com or Mrs Frogley (Enrichment and Marketing Leader) cfrogley@honywoodschool.com

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Brinkley
Subject Leader for Geography



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27th March - 30th March 2020**

Please return via Learner Reception attn. HGI by Thursday 11th July 2019

Please complete one of the two options:

I would like my son/daughter to go to Dorset and will be able to finance the entire cost of the trip.

Learner Name LG

Signed Parent/Carer Date

I do not wish for my son/daughter to go on the trip to Dorset.

Learner Name LG

Signed Parent/Carer Date