

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Osmington Bay

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students need to complete two sets of fieldwork; one in a river or coastal environmental and the second in a rural or urban environment. This is a requirement for the Paper 2 which they will be sitting in June 2024.

To ensure students have the best possible experience of fieldwork, the Geography department are delighted to announce we will be taking the Year 11 Geographers to the south coast to complete the coastal fieldwork, at Osmington Bay in Dorset and the urban fieldwork in Weymouth. The coursework will be led by experts from PGL, supported by the Geography department.

The dates for the trip will be Monday 30th October – Wednesday 1st November 2023. Students will depart School at 08.30am on the morning of Monday 30th October and return at approximately 18:00 on Wednesday 1st November.

The students will be staying at the PGL site at Osmington Bay and will complete 3 days of fieldwork. They will have access to specialist equipment throughout the three days, as well as the expertise of the PGL fieldwork staff. Students will be staying in single sex dormitories of between 4-6 students.

In order for this fieldwork to be undertaken, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £270. This covers the cost of return transport, all meals, accommodation and the specialist equipment involved. However, if we do not receive enough payments to cover the cost of the trip, it may have to be cancelled.

Students are not required to wear school uniform for the duration of the trip, but must bring clothing suitable to wear outside in October and November. A full kit list will be sent out nearer the departure date.

An initial deposit of £30 will be required, payable to the School via ParentMail.

Payment Schedule – payments due by: 5th August £30.00 5th September £60.00 5th October £60.00 5th November £60.00

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You will also shortly receive a Trip / Medical Consent Form via email from a company called Evolve (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there); please ensure this is completed and submitted by Monday 18th September. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Chilton

Curriculum leader for Geography dchilton@buckinghamschool.org

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.