THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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21st October 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Physical Fieldwork Trip, Buckingham
Monday 23rd November 2026

As part of the requirements for the GCSE Geography AQA exams, students are required to complete 2 days of fieldwork, which they will be examined on in their Paper 3 exam in June 2027.

The purpose of the trip is to introduce students to methods of data collection, fieldwork techniques and to collect data to be used in the exam. Students will be exploring the characteristics of a small-scale woodland ecosystem and will be measuring soil compaction and infiltration rates, biodiversity of plants along a transect and plant height. These activities will complete the requirements of the fieldwork components of the Geography GCSE course. The location will be the woodland area between London Road and the Royal Latin School.

If you would like your child to go on this trip, complete and submit the Trip / Medical Consent Form which will be sent to you via email from Buckinghamshire Council (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there); please ensure this is completed and submitted by Friday 6th November 2026. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form.

Please ensure you read the Parental Agreement that has been along with this letter. You will be asked to agree to this in the Trip / Medical Consent Form.

Students are not required to wear full school uniform and they will need to have suitable footwear for muddy conditions such as walking boots or wellies. Coats or jackets should be waterproof, as we will still be going if it is raining. Students should bring a drink and a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them.

There is no cost for this trip and the itinerary for the day is as follows:
12:30 Students meet staff in the playground near lockers
15:00 Arrive back at The Buckingham School

Should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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The Buckingham School is committed to ensure 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.