THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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29th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

AQA Geography Fieldwork Residential, Preston Montford
June 2027

The Buckingham School values the benefit that school trips can have on a student's wider curriculum understanding. It is for this reason that we are planning a 2-day residential trip for Year 10 Geography students to Preston Montford, Shrewsbury, from the morning of Monday 7th June 2027, returning on the evening of Tuesday 8th June 2027.

The Preston Montford residential fieldwork is an essential part of the GCSE Geography course, providing students with the opportunity to complete the two compulsory fieldwork enquiries required by the AQA specification. During the visit, students will carry out both a physical geography investigation and a human geography investigation, collecting, recording, presenting and analysing primary data in real-world environments. These experiences develop the geographical enquiry skills needed for the course and prepare students for the fieldwork section of their GCSE examinations (Paper 3), where knowledge and understanding of these enquiries are assessed. The trip also helps students build confidence, teamwork and independence while applying classroom learning in the field.

The price of the proposed trip is £252 which includes:

- Return executive coach travel and all transport to and from fieldwork locations during the trip
- Full board accommodation (all meals included)
- Evening activities (e.g. campfire, high ropes, or other suitable activities available during the stay)
- Travel insurance

There are places available for all students on the GCSE course for this trip. If you would like your child to go, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £38, via ParentMail, by 31st October 2026.

The remaining balance can then be paid in instalments, via ParentMail, according to the schedule below:

31st October 2026	£38	Deposit to secure a place
30th November 2026	£38	
31st December 2026	£38	
31st January 2027	£38	
28th February 2027	£38	
31st March 2027	£31	
30th April 2027	£31	Final Balance

Along with this letter, you have also been sent a Parental Agreement for you to read. By paying your deposit, you are accepting the terms laid out within this agreement. You will also be asked to confirm your acceptance of this agreement in the Trip/Medical Consent Form, which will be sent to you 3 weeks before the date of travel.

Students not attending will be provided with a local alternative option by a member of the Geography department later in the GCSE course.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C McCullough
Geography Teacher
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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.