

19 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE Fieldwork Trip to Lyme Regis on Monday 16 June and Friday 20 June 2025

As part of the GCSE Geography course students are required to complete two days' fieldwork in one human and one physical location. We are planning to take all Year 10 Geography students to Lyme Regis in Dorset for their physical fieldwork day. Students do not need to wear school uniform and should arrive at school at normal time and register as usual. We will meet students on the tennis courts once they have registered with their tutor. We will return to school for around 3:30pm (dependent on traffic).

The students will focus on the fieldwork enquiry process and will be required to collect a variety of individual and group data on the trip with the support of their teachers. The fieldwork enquiry process will be examined in their Paper 3 exam worth 30%.

Please make sure you know which day your class is attending the trip. Check with your Geography teacher if you are not sure. Students will be told about coach groups by their Geography teacher and displayed on the board outside room T14.

Monday 16 June - 10B1 (Mrs Burrough) and 10A1 (Mr Marshall)

Friday 20 June – 10A2 (Ms Bennett) and 10C1 (Mr Marshall)

Students need to bring with them:

- Packed lunch and a drink (there may be no time to buy food there).
- Appropriate footwear, e.g. good walking boots or good trainers for walking on uneven surfaces.
- Wet weather clothing, e.g. raincoat with a hood, trousers if possible (we will be outside all day).
- Layers (e.g. a jacket, jumper, etc.) to be prepared for warm/cold weather.
- Sun cream, sun hat, sunglasses.
- Pens and pencils and a clipboard if they have one.
- Small rucksack to carry lunch and equipment.
- Cameras are suggested so that students can use photographs in their coursework as evidence but are the responsibility of individual students.

The **cost of the trip is £9.10** which will cover the cost of the coach.

In order to finance trips, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution. If we do not receive enough parental donations, the trips will need to be cancelled. As the school receives a grant for students currently receiving free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant; however, parental consent is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Payment can be made using the online MCAS system
<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone) but **you still need to give consent** to confirm that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter.

Parents of students entitled to free school meals can still consent to their child attending this trip via MCAS as there is a non-payment option.

If you are making an online payment, please use the MCAS system to give your consent. If you are paying by cash/card or receive free school meals, please use the slip at the foot of this letter to give your consent and return the slip to the Finance Office/Student Reception.

The deadline for payment/consent is Wednesday 4 June.

Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Stone
Geography Teacher
The Castle School

Please return to Student Reception by Wednesday 4 June
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Student's Name Form

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend this visit.

Signed (Parent/Carer)..... Date