



Dear Parent/Carer

May 2023

Year 10 GCSE Fieldwork Trip to Lyme Regis on Wed 28 June and Wed 5 July 2023

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 first 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 4:00pm (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 T14.

Wednesday 28 June - 10B1 (Ms Bennett), 10C1 (Ms Bennett) and 10C2 (Mr Marshall)

Wednesday 5 July – 10A1 (Mr Marshall) and 10A2 (Mr Sullivan)

Students need to bring with them:

- Packed lunch (there will be no time to buy food there).
- Appropriate footwear eg good walking boots or good trainers and/or wellington boots.
- Wet weather clothing eg raincoat with a hood, trousers if possible (we will be outside all day).
- Layers (eg a jacket, jumper etc) to be prepared for warm/cold weather.
- Sun cream, sun hat/sun glasses.
- 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 £14.75** which will cover the cost of the coach. In order to finance these trips, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution. We very much hope you are able to contribute; if we do not get enough contributions we will have to cancel the trip. 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 through Class Charts. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Payment for this trip can be made using the online Scopay system, <https://www.scopay.com/castleschool-somerset>. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone). Confirmation of payment will be accepted as parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter. If you do not wish your child to participate you will need to login and give a reason why. We value your feedback and will take this into consideration in our future planning. **The deadline for payment/consent is Monday 12 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, **Teacher of Geography**