

Dear Parent/Carer

January 2022

As part of the GCSE Geography course students are required to complete two days' fieldwork based on both a human and a physical topic. We are planning to take all Year 10 Geography students to Bristol for their human fieldwork day. The students will visit Bristol Temple Quay and the floating harbour to investigate how successful the regeneration of Temple Quay has been.

The students will also be taken on a boat tour around Bristol's floating harbour from Temple Quay to SS Great Britain to learn about the modern redevelopment which has taken place in the area. This is particularly useful as we also study Bristol as a case study for the Urban Change topic.

The trips are planned for Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March. Students will be told by their teacher which day they will go on the Bristol trip in due course. We will be leaving school at 9.00am. Students must register with their tutor in their form room and then assemble on the tennis courts at 08.50am, to ensure the coaches leave on time. 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 which is worth 30% of the total GCSE. Students are required to wear their school uniform for this trip. They will also need to make sure they have the following equipment with them.

- Packed lunch (there will be no time to buy food there).
- Wet weather clothing eg raincoat with a hood (we will be outside all day).
- Pens and pencils and a clipboard if they have one (we do have some to borrow at school).
- Small rucksack to carry lunch and equipment.
- Cameras are suggested so that students can use photographs as evidence but are the responsibility of individual students.

The cost of the trip is approximately £15.50 which will cover the cost of the coach and the boat tour. In order to finance this trip, 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 the online Scopay system. 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>. Please note, you will need to tick the consent box before you can pay. 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) but you still need to login to Scopay to give consent and confirm 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 7 March 2022.**

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.

Yours sincerely



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