

September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

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 the SS Great Britain to Temple Quay 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 Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 October, with Geography groups (10a/Gg1, 10A/Gg1 and half of 10c/Gg2) going on Tuesday 8 October and Geography groups (10c/Gg1, 10B/Gg1 and the other half of 10c/Gg1) going on Wednesday 9 October.

We will be leaving school at 9.00am. Students must assemble on the tennis courts at 08.50am, once they have registered with their tutor, 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 e.g. 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 £11.50 which will cover the cost of the coach and the boat tour. 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, a completed consent form is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

An EV5 visit consent form is attached and needs to be returned with payment to The Finance Office by Monday 30 September. If this form is not returned, your child will not be able to go on the trip.

Yours sincerely

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