

2 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Fieldtrip to Sheringham, Norfolk

I am delighted to inform you about your son/daughter's GCSE Geography residential fieldwork for 2024. The trip is an essential part of the Geography course and will form part of the final examinations in unit 1 and unit 2.

Whilst away students will practice geographical techniques and gather data to use in the final exams. The trip will be the highlight of the GCSE and is an excellent opportunity for students to visit the North Norfolk coast and participate in group fieldwork activities. The experience gained and skills developed on such a visit will remain with the students their whole lifetime.

Details and dates

As we have so many students studying the subject this year the trip will be held twice and **10BGg1** will be split over the two trips.

The first group will leave on Tuesday 16th -Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 9am and return at approx 4pm. **This will be group 10AGg1 – Miss Diver, 10DGg1 – Miss Crossley with 10BGg1 – Mr Hildrew surnames A-M**

The second trip will go on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 9am and return on Friday 19th April 2024 approx 4pm. **This will be group 10CGg1 – Miss Diver, 10CGg2 - Miss Durant with 10B/Gg1 - Mr Hildrew surnames N-Z.**

Target Group:

All pupils from GCSE Geography groups are expected to attend as discussed when students chose their GCSE options.

Travel:

The students will travel by coach operated by **Anita's Coaches**.

Accommodation:

A minimum of six staff will accompany the students to stay in the Sheringham Youth Hostel on trip 1 and six on trip 2. This is on a full board basis but students will need a packed lunch for travelling on the first day. The hostel is clean and safe and students will remain together as a group all evening. There is a games room and television at the hostel. Students will be given more details of this nearer the time. We have used this accommodation for the past 10 years for this visit.

Equipment:

Students must attend in **clothes suitable for working outside**. Weather conditions may range from warm to extremely cold, so please ensure they are equipped with suitable coats/ hats/ gloves/ boots and waterproofs. Students will receive more details and guidance on equipment in due course. This will also be discussed in lesson with students and confirmed in writing to you.

In an emergency you should ring the school telephone number to contact a student on the visit **01279 655936**.

Cost:

The cost of the visit will be **£109** to cover the cost of transport, full board, accommodation and insurance. Payment can be made using the ParentPay system which will also confirm your consent. Please email jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk if you need a ParentPay log in. The deadline for payment is Friday 1 March 2024.

If your son / daughter is currently in receipt of Free School Meals, the cost of the trip will be met in full by the school, but it is still essential that you email ereid@birchwoodhigh.org.uk to confirm consent for your child to go on the trip and they can then be allocated a place.

Please get in touch with Mrs Reid via e-mail if you have any queries about the trip.
ereid@birchwoodhigh.org.uk

Yours Sincerely,

Miss I Diver
Humanities Faculty
