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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Geography Trip to Epping Forest

A Year 7 Geography field trip has been organised for Wednesday 27th February 2019 and Thursday 28th February 2019 to Epping Forest Field Centre to study river geomorphology. Classes 7A, 7C and 7F will go on the Geography trip Wednesday 27th February and classes 7L, 7N and 7P will go on the Geography trip on Thursday 28th February.

The coach will leave school at 8.45am and return to school by 4pm each day. Students will study river basin geomorphology at Loughton Brook in Epping Forest. We will be using the excellent teaching and facilities of the Field Studies Council while on the trip. Students will investigate how hydrology changes the physical landscape and follow the route of enquiry to investigate how river characters change with distance downstream. Students will use the Bradshaw Model to make predictions about how the river channel will change and will have the chance to take first hand measurements and make observations of distinctive river land forms including meanders, river cliffs, and slip-off slopes, at three sites along the river. The trip will provide an excellent introduction for those students wishing to study GCSE Geography and will form part of their Year 7 assessment upon returning to school.

Each student will need a packed lunch and drink, a clipboard, pen and pencil and a camera, if available. Appropriate clothing is required, especially if it is wet weather, and suitable walking shoes. It is likely to be cold so a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves will be essential. School uniform will not be necessary.

A Geography teacher and the form tutor from each class will supervise the trip. The cost of the trip is £30. Please access the online system to pay and give your consent. We no longer accept cash or cheques. In exceptional circumstances payment may be made over the phone by card. Deadline for payment is 3.30pm on 31st January 2019.

We wish to make it clear that no student will be denied participation in the trip, if it takes place, because of difficulty in meeting the cost. However, if sufficient money is not raised by voluntary contributions, the trip will not take place. Payment is not expected by the school for those students who are currently or who were previously in receipt of Free School Meals.

If a student will miss a Music lesson due to a school trip it is vital that they inform their instrumental Music teacher at least one week before in order to avoid the lesson being forfeited.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Williams'.

Mr S Williams
Head of Humanities