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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geography Field Trip

I am writing to give you details of the Year 11 Geography Field Trip which will take place between Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September 2019. The work will be undertaken at Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre in Surrey. The course is specifically designed for the GCSE examination and will be conducted on an individual enquiry, hypothesis testing basis. Students will be collecting data for their Geographical skills exam which accounts for 30% of the total AQA GCSE marks. It is the examination board's requirement that fieldwork is carried out. The Department has successfully used this centre and strongly endorses the use of residential fieldwork.

Students will travel by coach to Juniper Hall, arriving before lunch on Tuesday 3rd September. They will stay one night at the field centre and return to school by 5pm on Wednesday 4th September. Students will also spend Thursday 5th September completing some local fieldwork in Boxmoor. This will be run by Geography staff and students will not be in their normal lessons that day. The cost of the field trip will be £185, which includes the cost of all food, accommodation and insurance.

We wish to make it clear that no student will be denied participation in the visit, if it takes place, because

of difficulty in meeting the cost, but if sufficient money is not raised by voluntary contributions the trip will

not go ahead.

Payment is not expected by the school for those students who are currently or have previously been in receipt of free school meals. Please contact the School Finance Office if you have difficulty in meeting the cost.

A non-returnable deposit of £50 will secure a place we would be grateful if this could be paid by 18th March

Please access the online system Sims.Pay to pay and give your consent. In exceptional circumstances

payment may be made over the phone by card.

The final balance will be due by 5th July 2019

If a student will miss a Music lesson due to a school trip/event it is vital that they inform their instrumental

Music teacher at least two weeks before in order to avoid the lesson being forfeited.

If you have any questions concerning this trip please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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

Mr S Williams

Learning Leader: Humanities

