



10 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Slapton Ley Geography Trip

The Geography department are planning a fieldtrip to Slapton Ley on the coast of Devon. We believe that fieldwork and experiencing geography first hand plays an important part in enhancing students' experience of the subject. This trip is particularly aimed at preparing students for the fieldwork paper they will be completing next summer; the trip will help students to develop their practical fieldwork skills. The field trip should also improve students' understanding of many of the concepts that will be assessed in the physical geography exam.

The trip will run from Friday 4 May until Monday 7 May 2018. Students will be based at a Field Studies Centre and complete fieldwork and practical activities in the surrounding area. The fieldwork will include in depth coastal studies and a river investigation in the Dartmoor area. While this trip is not an essential requirement of the GCSE course, it will really benefit the students who take part and we would like as many of our GCSE geographers to attend as possible. I've often found that trips like this can inspire students to later take geography on to a higher level beyond GCSE level. Very importantly, the trip should be a lot of fun too and a source of great memories in the future.

For more information about the centre and the area, please follow this link:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/slapton/slaptonley.aspx>

In order for this visit to take place, we request a voluntary contribution of **£355** to cover the costs. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions.

Payments are divided for your convenience as follows:

- £55 - Deposit due by Friday 24 November 2017
- £100 - due by Friday 26 January 2018
- £100 - due by Friday 23 February 2018
- £100 - due by Friday 23 March 2018

Please note all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

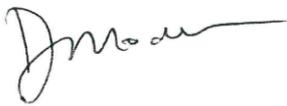
If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in this activity, please return the parental consent form to the Finance Office by **Friday 24 November 2017**. The deposit of **£55** or the whole balance can be made by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office, alternatively on line via Scopay (**please be aware if you are paying by Scopay you will still need to return the next of kin form**).

If you are, at present, experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance towards the cost of the trip, please make a written request to Mr Hunter, Headteacher, by **Wednesday 22 November 2017**.

Spaces on this trip are limited.

Should you have any further questions about this trip, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on:
daniel.moden@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Moden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Moden
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