



16 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Slapton Ley Geography Trip – Year 10

After a two-year, pandemic-induced hiatus, the geography department are planning a GCSE fieldtrip to Slapton Ley on the stunning coast of Devon. After such a long break from completing practical fieldwork, we are delighted to be able to offer this trip again. 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 at the end of their course; the trip will help students to develop their practical fieldwork skills. The field trip should also improve students' general understanding of many of the concepts that will be assessed in the physical geography and human geography exams.

The trip will run from **Friday 1 April until Monday 4 April 2022**. 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 and urban 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 **£240** to cover the costs of transport, accommodation, insurance and all meals except for the journey to Slapton Ley. 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:

£100 – deposit due by 04 October 2021

£70 – due by 01 November 2021

£70 – due by 07 February 2022

If you would like your son/daughter to attend, we will initially require completion of the [online consent form](#) and a deposit of **£100** via ParentMail +Pay.

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 **Friday 01 October 2021**.

Please note that all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead, and if a pupil withdraws within 12 weeks of the trip, they will still be liable for the full payment of **£240**.

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
Head of Geography