

March 2023

Dear parent/carer

**YEAR 10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TO CARDING MILL VALLEY  
TUESDAY 16TH MAY, THURSDAY 18TH MAY OR FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2023**

As part of the Geography GCSE course pupils are required to carry out fieldwork and use this information to complete *Paper 3- Geographical Applications* set by the Examination Board. Paper 3 is worth 30% of the total GCSE grade. Therefore, the department is planning a visit to Carding Mill Valley located in the Shropshire Hills to undertake a day investigating the landscape features and processes along the Cound Brook which is a tributary of the River Severn. The fieldwork will give students the opportunity to research and collect data which will then be used to answer the exam questions on paper 3.

We plan to leave school at 9.00am and return by approximately 3:10pm. During the day pupils will be working with their geography teacher in order to carry out various data collecting activities in order to compare the river's structure against the Bradshaw Model. Students should bring a packed lunch, ample drinks and clothing appropriate for fieldwork in a river environment and for the forecast weather conditions on the day (they do not need to wear school uniform). It would also be useful if students could bring a digital camera or mobile phone to record images and a clipboard to help with data logging (all of which they must be responsible for).

**As this visit takes place in school time it is necessary to ask for a voluntary contribution of £20.00 per student. This cost covers the cost of the transport, parking and admission to Carding Mill Valley. Although admission to Carding Mill Valley is free, educational groups are charged by the National Trust. We hope that you will appreciate the importance of this fieldwork day and will support this visit as we have planned it to be very beneficial and maximise your child's ability to achieve well in their examination. This payment should be made via your Parent Pay Account.** There is no obligation to contribute and no student will be omitted from the visit because they do not pay or do not pay in full. **However, the visit cannot go ahead if the school does not receive sufficient parental contributions by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

On the coach your child will be expected to be responsible enough to wear any seatbelt provided until informed it may be released. Students attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Please read the code of conduct on Geography Fieldwork visits which is on the back of this letter.

All bona fide educational visits by the Academy are covered by the Academy's public liability insurance, as are all in-school activities. This visit is considered to have only normal everyday risks and no further insurance has been provided.

Yours sincerely

**Geography Dept**

## PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A SCHOOL VISIT

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### Insurance

I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

### Transport

I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

### Return to Home

I understand the predicted time of return.

### Financial Contribution

I am willing to make a financial contribution of **£20.00** via my Parent Pay account.

### Medical Requirements

Please note the following medical requirements

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I agree to my son/daughter attending the visit detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour.

Name of son/daughter ..... Class .....

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Person with Parental Responsibility

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT BY**

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**