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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trips – Monday 30th September and Tuesday 1st October 2024

As part of the Geography GCSE course there is a compulsory requirement for students to participate in two different fieldwork activities. The knowledge and skills gained from these visits will form an important part of one of the final summer examinations - Paper 3 'Geographical Applications'. The fieldwork will also help students to better understand the geographical concepts we have studied in our coastal landscapes and urban units. We have, therefore, organised two fieldwork days as follows:

Day 1 – Monday 30th September 2024

A study of how coastal engineering influences coastal processes at Lyme Regis. We will carry out some data collection on the beach and in other locations around Lyme Regis. This will be in a supervised group led by Beaminster teaching staff.

Day 2 – Tuesday 1st October 2024

An investigation of Bristol Harbour's regeneration. A trip to M shed museum and a boat trip around the harbour with a guided talk on the regeneration of the area. Students will also collect data, such as, environmental quality surveys, which will be carried out in supervised groups.

We will travel by coach to Lyme Regis, leaving school at 9am and return before the end of school day, so that students can take their normal transport home at 3.30pm. For Bristol we will leave at the start of the school day but students will not arrive back in Beaminster **until 5.30pm so will need to be collected.**

- School uniform is not required for the Lyme Regis day (Monday 30th September), but sensible, warm clothing and comfortable, sturdy footwear is needed.
- School uniform must be worn on Tuesday 1st October.
- The school coat needs to be worn.
- A packed lunch including a drink (meals will be provided for students eligible for Free School Meals).
- Pens and pencils.
- A clip board or folder to rest work on (we have some that can be borrowed).
- Any medication.

In order for this fieldtrip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£46** per student to cover the cost of both days. Students eligible for Pupil Premium will receive an automatic 50% subsidy.

Payment should be made through ParentMail in two instalments of £23 on the 1st of July and the 1st of September.

The Parental Consent box must be checked when making payment to confirm that you have read and understood the information provided and give your consent for the trip. Should you wish to apply for financial assistance for this trip, please complete a Financial Support Application Form (available from Reception) as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by contacting the school office or by email rholmes@beaminster.dorset.ch.uk

Yours faithfully

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