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Our Ref: UB/DMB

10 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 Geography Field Trips – June 2023

The AQA Geography GCSE requires student to experience fieldwork as part of the course. In the past, the data collected was used to write a piece of controlled assessment, which was worth 25% of the GCSE. However, our current GCSE does not require the students to produce such a piece of work. Students have to complete a brief write-up of their work and they will be examined on their experiences in Paper 3 next June.

This year we will visit East Wittering, East Head Spit and the beach at West Wittering in West Sussex to collect our data. We also intend to view the coastal defence work at Medmerry near Selsey if possible, which was finished relatively recently; this is a case study used in the GCSE exam.

Due to the numbers involved, we will run the trips over three days:

- Monday 12th June 2023 10X1 (UB) and 10X3 (DG)
- Tuesday 13th June 2023 10Y1 (MB) and 10Y2 (ES)
- Wednesday 14th June 10X2 (HO) and 10Z1 (UB)

Students will attend registration as normal, but will be out all day after that. Students will not be required to wear school uniform on the trip, but they will be expected to dress appropriately and bring a pencil case with them (pencil is crucial if it is likely to be wet). The weather in June could be very warm, so please ensure that your child has plenty of water and adequate protection from the Sun. Equally, if the forecast is set to be wet, please wear appropriate clothing, as we will be out for the majority of the day.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them along with a drink. At the end of the day, there could be a possibility of visiting the ice cream/ food kiosk if it is open, so students could bring some change with them for this too if they wish.

We will return in time for the school buses at the end of the day.

The cost of the trip is £14.00. This is a curriculum based trip and therefore students should attend. Payments and accompanying paperwork must be handed in before or by the date specified. Please understand that payments are non-refundable unless the

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withdrawal is for an insurable reason. If there are significant changes to the cost of the trip, these may have to be passed on to the student. Be assured that we will try to keep such costs to a minimum.

Those families who qualify for pupil premium funding under the free school meal criteria or have been in receipt of free school meals in the last six years, may be eligible to receive a subsidy up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the trip.

## Free school meals criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

No student will be omitted from the activity if his/her parents are unable to contribute. However, I must make it equally clear that in accordance with the Governors' policy statement this activity may not take place if parents are reluctant to support it with their contributions in full or in part.

We would advise that students do not to take valuables out on school activities, however, should they be taken parents should ensure personal possessions are adequately insured. It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to update the school should there be any changes to the medical information about their child. Please communicate these to Mrs Brettell, Business Support Manager.

Please complete and return the consent form to the Finance Office by Friday 28 April 2023. Our preferred method of payment is online. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Oaklands Catholic School).

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Yours sincerely

Mrs U Broadway  
Head of Geography

## PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023

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I confirm that I have parental responsibility for

Student Name:..... Form;.....

He/she is in good health and I consent to him/her taking part in the programme detailed in your letter.

I enclose payment of £

I will pay online

I wish to apply for Pupil Premium

I understand and accept that it is my responsibility to update the school should there be any changes to the medical information about my child. Please communicate these to Mrs Brettell, Business Support Manager.

Parental Signature: .....Date.....