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Dear Parent / Carer 21st March 2017

Year 11 Geography residential study visit to Dorset: Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March 2018

The GCSE Geography course requires all students to undertake fieldwork in preparation for an examination on fieldwork techniques in June 2018. This makes up 30% of their final grade in Geography and so it is important that we prepare the students as much as possible for this exam. We will visit Dorset for three days and two nights and we have chosen dates as near to their exam as possible allowing them time to also prepare for the exams. This will give us the opportunity to visit locations such as Chesil Beach, Studland Bay, Barton-on-Sea and Lulworth Cove which will also help with students' understanding of the 'Physical Landscapes' and 'Coasts' topic. The main focus of the trip will be to collect fieldwork data on the coast and to learn a range of fieldwork techniques.

We will be staying at the Fairview Hotel in Weymouth for the duration of our trip. A provisional itinerary of the activities can be found in the table below.

Monday March 12th	• Leave school by 9.00am. • Coach to Fairview Hotel, Weymouth. Visit Studland Bay – sand dunes and beach. Field studies at Weymouth Bay. • Classroom-based evening study session and preparation for next day. • Supervised free time on Weymouth beach or in the centre (time permitting).
Tuesday March 13th	• Coastal fieldwork at various locations including Portland, Chesil Beach, and West Bay - collecting data for GCSE fieldwork exam. • Classroom-based evening study session and preparation for next day. • Supervised free time on Weymouth beach or in the centre (time permitting).
Wednesday March 14th	• Field studies of the World Heritage coastline from Durdle Door to Lulworth Cove. • Field studies at Barton-on-Sea about how coastal erosion has severely affected this settlement and what is being done to manage it. • Arrive back at Sir Frederic Osborn School by 6.00pm (subject to traffic).

In poor weather, we will continue with the planned activities where safe to do so. However, in case of heavy rain, strong winds or any unsafe conditions we will change the itinerary or spend extra time in the hotel study rooms.

The total cost of this field trip is **£130.00** (Pupil Premium students may be offered a discount). This includes transport to and from the centre, all meals and accommodation, centre instructors and insurance. An initial **non-refundable** deposit of **£40.00** is required by **1st June 2017**. This will be followed by further non-refundable payments of £30.00 by 1st July and 1st October 2017 and then the final £30.00 to be paid by 1st November 2017. Alternatively, full payment can be made. Please make your payments using the school's electronic payments system Wisepay (due to our financial year end this trip will not be open for payments until after the Easter holidays) and complete and return the reply slip below to the Finance Office by **1st June 2017.** If you have not used 'Wisepay' before, please contact the Finance Office on ext 312 or email finance@sfosborn.herts.sch.uk for a username and password.

Students whose behaviour or attitude in school is unacceptable will not be allowed to attend this trip and this will be at the discretion of Mr Whelan. An alternative will be provided for these students or if students are otherwise unable to attend. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss payment options please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email to michael.broad@sfosborn.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr M Broad
Subject Leader of Geography

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To: The Finance Office **Geography Residential Field Trip**

I consent to my son/daughter: …… in Form: ……. to participate in the Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Weymouth on **Monday 12th- Wednesday 14th March 2018** and confirm that the initial non-refundable deposit of £40.00 / full payment of £130.00 has been made via 'Wisepay' (*Please delete as applicable)*

Signed:…… Full Name: ……

Contact No: …… Email: ……