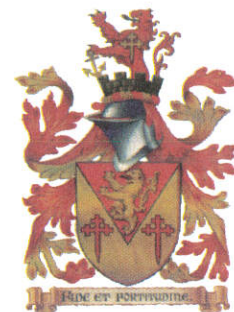


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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of the AQA GCSE requirements of undertaking fieldwork, the Geography Department will be taking students in Year 10 to Walton-on-the-Naze on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

The coaches will depart at 8.40am and depending on traffic we aim to return students to school for 4.30pm. As this trip is expected to arrive back after the departure of the consortium buses please make alternative arrangements for your daughter to travel home if applicable. If you feel that this will present a problem please contact the school as soon as possible.

Before the trip your daughter will study the relevant aspects of the Coasts unit to prepare them to investigate the need for and effectiveness of coastal management at Walton-on-the-Naze. On the day she will be carrying out a range of fieldwork techniques including beach profiles, depth-to-sand measurements, environmental impact assessments and questionnaires. When we return to school the data will be presented, analysed and evaluated. The fieldwork does not need to be written up as a piece of official coursework but there will be questions specifically about the fieldwork we undertake in Paper 3 of the examination.

Students will not be expected to wear school uniform but will need to be dressed appropriately for a day on an exposed beach in early March. A list of items they will need to wear or bring is below.

- Full length trousers
- A warm coat (fleece is ideal)
- A waterproof coat
- Hat and gloves
- Old shoes that they do not mind getting sandy (trainers or walking shoes/boots)
- A spare pair of shoes to wear on the coach and a plastic bag to put their dirty ones in
- A packed lunch and drinks to the last the day
- Personal medication
- A clipboard, pens and pencils
- A small amount of money to buy a snack at the café at the end of the day if time allows (optional)



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The cost of the trip will be **£12.00** per pupil, which includes coach hire, administration and insurance cover.

As with most school trips we are only allowed to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. This is not compulsory, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund the visit, then it will be cancelled.

Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of the trip:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If your daughter is currently in receipt of Free School Meals then we will only require a letter **giving your consent for her to attend the trip.**

May we also ask that if for any reason you feel you are unable to contribute to the cost of the trip that you contact Mrs Emery to ensure that unnecessary reminders are not sent to you. All conversations will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Payments/contributions for this trip should be made on ParentPay **no later than 19th February 2018.**

Yours sincerely



Mrs Demi Meades
Head of Geography