12th October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

**A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO SWANAGE**

###### **TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL – FRIDAY, 21st APRIL 2017**

The Geography group will visit Swanage in April 2017. The purpose of the visit is to introduce and practise many techniques for data collection and analysis in Geographical Enquiry. The data collected will form their coursework, worth 20% of their overall A level. It is an exam board requirement to complete a minimum of 4 days fieldwork and as such, it is a compulsory element of A Level Geography.

The field trip provides practical experience and additional case studies and examples from many parts of the syllabus for use in examination papers in Geography. It is 4 days of hard work during the day and evening.

The field trip involves three nights’ accommodation at a youth hostel in Swanage. The price of the trip includes full breakfast, a standard packed lunch and evening meal. Students will require a packed lunch for the journey on the Tuesday.

Students and staff will leave school promptly at 8.30am on Tuesday morning and will arrive back to school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday afternoon. We will be travelling by coach to and from Swanage. The cost of the trip will be **£185** per student. A deposit of £100 is required by Monday, 31st October and the remaining £85 by Wednesday, 30th November. Please make these payments via sQuid. If you have any difficulty in paying this, please contact me or Mrs Caple in writing as soon as possible – [ccaple@bullerswood.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:ccaple@bullerswood.bromley.sch.uk), as no student in the group will be omitted for financial reasons. However, if there is inadequate support, the trip will not go ahead.

A luggage list is attached and I would like to stress the importance of warm, waterproof outdoor clothing. Your daughter/son will be out all day whatever the weather. Please read the luggage allowance carefully! Bullers Wood School cannot accept responsibility for the loss of personal items, and therefore students are requested not to bring any valuables with them on the trip.

Furthermore, the school may lend students equipment belonging to the school for use on the field trip, the safe-keeping of which they are responsible; any loss or damage will need to be paid by the student’s parent/carer.

Please note that the school reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour prior to the trip shows her/him to be irresponsible, unreliable or disobedient. Indeed, a student may be withdrawn from the trip if attendance or behaviour deteriorates after the offer of a place on the trip is made. Parents are advised that this will involve cancellation charges and a £50 administration fee charged by the school.

This letter should be read in conjunction with the information sheet attached which **should be retained by parent/carer** for reference. Please be mindful of the stated deadline which will be strictly observed.

Please return the attached consent form to Mrs Caple via the Trips collection box located opposite B7 in Bullers Wood House **no later than** **Monday, 31st October** and make your payment as described below.

The school has implemented a system for payment of trips on-line via Squid. Please log on to [www.squidcard.com](http://www.squidcard.com) as you would do to pay for lunches, using your usual user name and password, completing the transaction **no later than Monday, 31st October 2016**. There will be a box to select for Trips and Visits and then ‘Yr 12 Geography Field trip to Swanage 2017’ trip should be selected. **Please note that if you transfer funds into Squid you must also select this trip or the money will not be allocated appropriately**.

Yours sincerely



Miss L Kincaid

## **Head of Geography**

**REPLY SLIP BULLERS WOOD SCHOOL**

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Daughter/Son’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime tel no. in the event of query \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***\*PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE:-***

I understand and accept the conditions outlined in the offer letter and Parental Responsibility document and I give permission for my daughter/son to participate in the above visit.

I have paid the deposit sum of £100.00 on-line via [www.squidcard.com](http://www.squidcard.com).

I understand the next sQuid instalment of £85 is due by Wednesday, 30th November and agree to pay by this date.

I understand that my daughter/son may be lent school equipment for her/his use on the fieldtrip and accept responsibility for any loss or damage to the school equipment.

I do not accept responsibility for school equipment, and understand that my daughter/son will not be loaned school equipment for use on the field trip.

I give permission for my daughter/son to undertake any first aid or medical treatment that may be required.

My daughter/son has had a tetanus injection in the last ten years? YES/NO

**If your daughter/son requires any medication for the trip please put this in a transparent bag marked clearly with your daughter/son’s name plus medication enclosed, the dosage amount and times to be taken. Please hand to a member of staff on the day of the visit.**

**PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY**

Payment signifies the commitment by the payer to membership of the party and therefore the cost of the visit is **non-refundable** except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor’s certificate will be required. Payments are used to secure firm bookings with the companies whose services are engaged for the visit. Please note you are entering into a contract with the event company, hotel, travel or airline company, not the school. Please ensure all payments are made on-line as described by the due date.

Please note that the school reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour prior to the trip shows her/him to be irresponsible, unreliable or disobedient. Indeed, a student may be withdrawn from the trip if attendance or behaviour deteriorates after the offer of a place on the trip is made. Parents/Carers are advised that this will incur cancellation charges plus a £50.00 administration fee.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Carer*

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**LUGGAGE EQUIPMENT LIST:**

The following list includes the luggage/equipment that you will need to bring with you. If any problems arise from this list, please will you contact Miss Kincaid as soon as possible.

* You should bring with you enough clothes to last you four days.
* When out in the field you should wear warm clothes such as jogging bottoms and a thick jumper. Remember you may get dirty and wet if it rains so it would be sensible to wear your old clothes during the day and change when you return in the evening.
* You will need to wear sensible walking shoes during the day, trainers will do. If you have a pair of wellington boots, these would be useful, as there may be times when the areas you will be working in will be muddy.
* Personal toiletries including towels.
* A warm coat, such as an anorak. If this is not waterproof you will need something for wet weather. Waterproof trousers would be useful. A hat, scarf and gloves as it can be very cold at this time of the year.
* A small bag that you can take with you into the field to carry your lunch, pencil case, clipboard and notebook etc.

**Personal valuables, such as cameras, are brought at your own risk.**

#### As we are travelling by coach, room is at a premium. It is therefore important that you do not bring more than you need. You must be able to carry your own luggage. **One medium suitcase per** **person**.