

Sept 2017 (information copy)



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: Fieldwork skills requirement for GCSE Geography (Cambridge)

Principal **Nick Martin**
BSc, MA, PGCE, NPQH

Following the success of the physical fieldwork, studying the coastal processes and management at Walton-on-the-Naze, the second fieldwork part (studying a contrasting area) will happen later this month. In order to meet the compulsory requirement of the 9-1 OCR B Geography course, we have arranged to study the city of Cambridge in order to focus on human fieldwork skills. These skills are assessed within the 01 & 02 examination papers rather than, in the past, through a piece of coursework/ controlled assessment.

It is important that students have the opportunity to be immersed in the fieldwork processes so they are fully prepared for their examinations at the end of Year 11. The work will directly relate to the units of study from the specification, therefore further enhancing their understanding of what has been learnt in class.

Owing to the large numbers of students taking the subject the human fieldtrip will run over four days. Please check the box below for the details of the trip place they have.

Class : **Year 11**

Date: **Various (please speak to your class teacher/ refer to letter issued)**

Teacher:

Students involved: as above

Please ask your son/daughter to check carefully that these dates are suitable and do not conflict with any other commitments. If this is the case, please notify the Geography Department immediately via their class teacher either in writing or by email. The coach (along with the Academy minibus) is at capacity for all days to keep costs at a minimum and therefore changes will be subject to this being possible/ on a first come first serve basis.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip of £10.00 per student to cover transport, insurance and necessary resources. We will depart school at 8:20am and return at approximately 4:45pm, traffic dependent, so arrangements will need to be made for students to be collected. Students are not required to wear the Academy uniform (but must be appropriately dressed for fieldwork in a public place) and they can either bring a packed lunch or, if preferred, money for lunch as they will have time and access to numerous food outlets within the centre of Cambridge. Please contact me if you have any concerns regarding cost or any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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The finance office will collect the consent slips and either cash/ cheque or payment via the online system between **11th to 18th Sept 2017**

Please use the online payment facility <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/> during the dates above.

A generic copy of this letter will be posted on the SWA website for reference and you should also be able to access the details about the Academy insurance.

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Please note the consent form below **must be returned** in order for your son/daughter to participate:

KS4 Geography - Human Fieldtrip to Cambridge (Yr11 Sept 2017)

Before signing this consent form it is important you understand that:

1. While the supervisory adults in charge of the group will take all reasonable care of the young person, neither they, nor BEST Academies, can necessarily be held liable in respect of loss of or damage to property or injury suffered by the young person arising out of the educational visit/journey, unless such loss, damage or injury results from the negligence of BEST Academies, its employees or official volunteers.
2. You have read and understood the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided. For details please see the school website.
3. You agree to your child receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter _____
Form class _____ to attend the field visit to Cambridge on their specified date below:

Class : Year 11	Date: Various (please speak to your class teacher/ refer to letter issued)
Teacher:	Students involved:

I have paid via Parent mail website/ enclose the sum of £10.00 (cash/ cheque payable to Samuel Whitbread Academy fund) &/or **consent to the trip.**

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

PRINT: _____ Contact number for date of the trip: _____

Any relevant medical information we should be aware of (please attach further info if required):

