



The Minster School

14 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 12 Geography Residential Fieldwork Visit to Wales – 2nd to 4th March 2022

The Geography Department have provisionally booked a trip to the Rhyd-y-creuau Fieldwork Centre in Wales between Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th March 2022.

The Geography A level requires students to engage with 4 days of fieldwork to be successful in their studies. This visit will fulfil three days of the requirement, particularly supporting students with the Glaciation and Changing Spaces modules, as well as demonstrating a range of fieldwork techniques to support students with their Non-examined Assessment (NEA).

The cost of the visit is **£296 per student**. This includes:

- Coach travel throughout the 3 days
- Two nights' accommodation at Rhyd-y-creuau Field Studies Centre
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- Evening meal on Wednesday 2nd March.
- Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal on Thursday 3rd March
- Breakfast and a packed lunch on Friday 4th March.
- Expert guidance and tuition at the fieldwork centre. Leading trips into the field and class-based activities

Students will be in the field during the day and doing class-based activities in the evening to link what they have learnt to their NEA coursework in Year 13 (20% of final grade)

Students will be departing for the field studies centre at 8am on Wednesday 2nd March and will return approximately 6pm on Friday 4th March. **As these times are outside the normal school day parents and carers will need to arrange alternative transportation.**

Parents and Carers are invited to make voluntary contributions to meet these costs. If you wish your child to take part in this study visit, please forward your non-refundable deposit of **£100 by Friday 5th November**. The second non-refundable payment of £100 is due by Monday 31st January 2022 and the final non-refundable payment of £96 is due by Wednesday 23rd February 2022. If insufficient funds are raised to cover the costs, then the visit may not take place

Our preferred method of payment is via ParentMail, our online payments system. A link to this can be found [here](#) on the school website and you can make payments through the ParentMail website or the mobile app. If you cannot find the item, please follow this [link](#) for instructions. If you require further information regarding this, please contact the school finance office using the email address: parentmail@minster.notts.sch.uk

Please do not allow your child to attend if they have [symptoms of Coronavirus](#); a fever/temperature, a continuous cough, a sudden loss of taste or smell etc. Please let us know if this is the case. Students will need to conform to government and school guidance on hand sanitising and wearing masks throughout the duration of the visit.

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A copy of your completed electronic **Parental Consent Form (EV4)** for the academic year 2021-2022 will be taken on this visit. Should it require any amendments a link to the form can be found [here](#) on our website, by year group.

Families in receipt of the following benefits may be given assistance but should, in the first instance send a copy of the relevant documentation in to school for the attention of the School Business Manager, requesting assistance and post through the Student Mail Box.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's annual gross income does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after an individual stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (if the application was made on or after 1 April 2018, the family's income must be less than £7,400 per year – after tax and not including any benefits)

We do our best to ensure that we do not over-charge for school visits, as it is not the school's intention to make a profit. In the event of this visit making a profit we will not be making refunds of less than £10 per student, unless specifically requested by parents. We have had to make this decision because of the administrative costs of refunding small amounts of money to large numbers of students. Any profit made on school visits will be placed in a reserve fund and used solely for the benefit of the students of the school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please note that payment and EV4 cannot be accepted on the day of the visit. The payment dates must be adhered to.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Timms. Her email address is: e.timms@minster.notts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs F Summers
Geography Department

cc: BC, CB