

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

16 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Geography NEA (non-examined assessment) Fieldtrip 2024

Day 1 - Monday 20 May 2024 - Epping Forest Field Study Centre (Carbon Cycle study)

Day 2 - Tuesday 21 May 2024 - Stratford, East London (Regeneration and Globalisation studies)

Day 3 - Wednesday 22 May 2024 - Cassiobury Park, Watford (Water study)

Day 4a - Monday 24 June 2024 - Stratford, East London (Data collection day)

Day 4b - Monday 24 June 2024 - Epping Forest (Data collection day)

Day 4c - Tuesday 25 June 2024 - Cassiobury Park, Watford (Data collection day)

Please note that the order for the second round of trips may need to change, based on student demand.

These four day trips are designed to fulfil the obligatory component of fieldwork required by the syllabus we follow. In accordance with the Edexcel A Level Geography syllabus, essential fieldwork skills in both physical and human geography topics will be addressed during these trips, to allow students to complete their primary data collection required for their NEA (coursework). Therefore, **this is a compulsory requirement of the course and so all students are expected to attend**. All students will attend days 1, 2 and 3, to learn the basic data collection techniques for each location. Students will then choose which day 4 option they will attend.

On each day, students are expected to meet at the agreed meeting point and time as below:

- Day 1 Meet at the Geography block at 8.30am and arrive back at school by 5.00pm.
- Day 2 Meet at the entrance to Stratford Shopping Centre, opposite Stratford train station. Students need to make their way there independently for a 10.00am start. The day will finish by 3.00pm.
- Day 3 Meet at the Geography block at 8.30am, or students can choose to make their own way to Cassiobury Park for a 9.15am start. The day will finish by 3.00pm.

For the second round of trips, students will only attend one of the days depending on the area that they choose for their NEA study. This will be confirmed with individual students once they have each chosen their focus area for their NEA study and submitted their completed proposal form. The meeting points and times will be as before and these will be confirmed with the students closer to the time.

Students are expected to bring their own packed lunch for each of the field trip days. The fieldwork activities will be led by school staff and members of the Epping Forest Field Study Centre when we are in Epping Forest.

Please be aware that this is an important part of the A Level course, all these activities will contribute to the NEA mark which is 20% of the final Geography A Level grade. Therefore, students need to make good use of the opportunities to understand each area and collect a good amount of quality data.





The cost of the trip is £65.00 per student, which will cover the admin and fieldwork equipment requirement. Please make full payment via WisePay and complete the <u>consent form</u> by Monday 26 February 2024. Please note that travel to Stratford will be at your own expense. Likewise, students may choose to make their own way to Cassiobury Park, again at your own expense.

Students must have all in date medication, for example, Epipen, antihistamines and asthma inhalers, with them at all times if needed. Please advise the school office of any changes in health or medical conditions and emergency contact telephone numbers.

Should you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to email me (J.everitt@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

J Everitt

Mrs J Everitt Joint Head of Geography (acting)