

8 September 2026

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

GCSE Geography Field Trip to Swanage, Dorset - Final Details

Following on from the letter sent out prior to the summer break, we write with final details for the compulsory GCSE field trip to Swanage from Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 October 2026. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already paid in full and completed the medical form. If you have been contacted about outstanding payments or medical forms, please do attend to this as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF DEPARTURE TIME: We will be leaving school promptly at 7.00am on Wednesday 7 October to travel to Swanage by coach. Students should meet in the Sports Centre car park no later than 6.35am, to allow time to load the coaches with both luggage and equipment. We aim to return to school by 3.00pm on Friday 9 October (traffic dependent), so that students are able to catch the school buses home if necessary.

We will be staying at Cumulus Outdoors Residential Centre and the details are as follows:

Cumulus Outdoors Residential Centre
Cobblers Lane
Swanage
BH19 2PX

Tel: 01929 422480 (Please only contact us in the case of an emergency)

The purpose of this visit is to ensure students meet the fieldwork skills requirement of the GCSE specification, which will be examined on Paper 3 of the final examinations. Students will undertake the following three main fieldwork activities:

1. Completing a town survey in Swanage.
2. Measuring various features at several sites along Chesil Beach.
3. Visiting Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door to see coastal landforms first hand.

Please find the kit list below. Waterproofs and warm clothing are essential, but we advise against jeans for fieldwork activities. Due to the uneven surfaces students will be walking on, we would recommend sturdy footwear as trainers will not provide the necessary support. Bedding will be provided by the field centre, but students will need to bring their own towels. They will also need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday, but all other meals will be provided. Opportunities for spending money will be limited, so students are advised to bring only a small amount of money with them. Please note that the school cannot bear any liability if valuables are lost or stolen during the trip.

KIT LIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chromebook fully charged and charger (this should be carried in hand luggage).• A water bottle (essential) preferably 750ml–1 litre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second pair of clean indoor shoes.• Casual clothes to wear around the Field Centre.• Pyjamas to sleep in. |
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• Waterproof jacket (essential) (recommend waterproof trousers). • Warm clothes (e.g. fleece and several thin layers). • Strong and comfortable walking shoes/boots (OUTDOOR USE ONLY).	• Pencil case, writing equipment and a calculator. • Waterproof day bag (e.g. a small rucksack). • Plastic bags for wet and dirty clothes. • Towel and wash kit. • Clipboard (recommended).
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Students should bring their fully charged Chromebooks - all field work will be completed using their chromebook whilst we are away, apart from data collection sheets filled out whilst outside.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to e-mail: k.clark@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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