



ST. AIDAN'S  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

# ASSOCIATED SIXTH FORM



St. John Fisher  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Year 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**

On 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June Year 12 Geography students will complete the remaining two days of their compulsory fieldwork as part of their A-level. As you are aware, in October, students spent 2 days in Leeds and on the East Coast where they successfully began their fieldwork experience. In June (22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>) the Year 12 Geographers will spend the remaining 2 day requirement on the West Coast in the Liverpool area. This will include an overnight stay in Liverpool.

On Day 1 (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June) **all** students will depart from St Aidan's at 8.45am and travel by coach to Formby. Here, they will have the opportunity to visit the sand dunes and beach which is owned by the National Trust. Following a tour of the area, and time for their packed lunch, students will continue by coach to Crosby. Here, they will visit the beach and sand dunes. Both these sites offer many links to the Coasts course. Some students will return to Crosby and/or Formby the following day to carry out work for their Independent Investigation.

The students will then travel into Liverpool where they will then have a walk with their class around the city to show them some of Liverpool's most significant regeneration projects. This is an opportunity for all students to consolidate and develop their understanding of the Regeneration topic. Some students will return to Liverpool on Day 2 to carry out work for their Independent Investigation.

In the evening we will check into Liverpool Youth Hostel. Dinner will be provided by the hostel, after which an evening trip to the cinema is planned. The hostel details, and contact number are provided below:

**25 Tabley Street, Liverpool L1 8EE (0345 3719527)**

On Day 2 the students will follow an itinerary that is determined by the title of their Independent Investigation. This piece of work is worth 20% of the A-level qualification and students should aim to produce a high quality piece of 4,000 words based on the evidence collected on Day 2.

If your son/daughter has chosen a Regeneration focused title they will spend the day in Liverpool. If they have chosen a Coasts focus then they will return to Crosby and/or Formby. Their exact locations and activities will be based on the methods they have opted to carry out to collect evidence for their unique title. This may include questionnaires, interviews, bi-polar surveys, environmental quality surveys, traffic counts, pedestrian counts, vegetation surveys, pH measurements, wave counts, beach profiles, annotated sketches and litter counts.



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They will always be working in small groups and a teacher will always be in an agreed location nearby, although they will not always be directly supervised. It is therefore imperative that students can be trusted to behave well and carry out the necessary tasks to enable them to complete this piece of work to a high standard. It is also essential that they follow advice about potential risks, and are considerate of their environment and people around them. Students will be spoken to about risks prior to the trip, and they are required to carry out risk assessments for their methods which will be checked by teaching staff.

We aim to leave Liverpool/Crosby/Formby before 3pm and would like to aim to return to St Aidan's for **5pm**, but in reality this may be later depending on efficiency of data collection and Friday evening traffic. We will ask students to make contact with parents to give a better idea of return time as we get closer to Harrogate.

The cost for the two days will be £106. The cost covers transport costs for the two days, full board overnight accommodation in Liverpool, and an evening activity. **Our preferred method of payment for this trip is via ParentPay.** If St John Fisher pupils would like to pay by this method they can contact the finance department at St Aidan's where they will be given a St Aidan's activation code and instructions. You will be able to view the balance due as well as giving online consent for the trip. Please note payments by cheque will still be accepted and if this is your preferred method of payment, please complete the consent slip below and return it to the **finance department at St Aidan's** with the full amount. Cheques should be made payable to St Aidan's CE High School. **All payments must be returned by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

Information relating to health and emergency contacts, and dietary requirements will be taken from the form filled in when your son/daughter entered Sixth Form. If there are any amendments to this information, or concerns that require further discussion please contact the school nurse. If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers, please ensure that they bring them on all fieldwork occasions; **otherwise we will be unable to take them.**

We will be outside for the majority of the fieldwork. Students therefore need to come suitably dressed with warm clothes, waterproofs and sensible sturdy footwear. They may need sun cream. It can be exposed so, whatever the weather, students need to be prepared to spend two days outside. Jeans should be avoided. Students need to bring a clipboard if they have one and full writing equipment (pen, pencil, ruler). A packed lunch on Day 1 is essential as there will not be any opportunity to buy food or drink. They will need a small rucksack or bag with a shoulder strap to carry during the day.

In the event of an emergency the following contacts should be used:

Mr David Holdsworth	Office Hours:	01423 885814 (St Aidan's Office)
Mr John Sharpe	Office Hours:	01423 887254 (St John Fisher Office)



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Mr David Holdsworth Out of school hours: 07793815824 (Emergencies only)

Should you have any queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Stone  
Head of Geography  
St Aidan's High School

Mr D. Heaton  
Head of Geography  
St John Fisher Catholic High School



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I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the AS Geography fieldwork trip to the Liverpool/Formby area. I have enclosed a cheque for £106. If there are any amendments to your son/daughter's medical/contact details, including dietary requirements, would you please write below:

Name of Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian

Date:.....

**Please return the completed form and cheque and put in the catering box outside the St Aidan's finance office by 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Please do not return this form to St John Fisher as this trip is being administered through the St Aidan's finance office.**