



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Year 11 Geography GCSE Fieldwork to the Holderness Coast and Leeds Wednesday 19 September and Thursday 20 September 2018**

On Wednesday 19 September and Thursday 20 September, our Year 11 Geographers will be undertaking two separate Geography fieldwork days on the Holderness Coast and in Leeds. The fieldwork undertaken is essential for students when carrying out their GCSE Geography, as they will sit an exam on the work they do in the field.

Pupils will depart after registration on each day and travel to and from the Holderness Coast or Leeds by coach. At Hornsea, students will complete a fieldwork booklet and they will also travel to Flamborough Head to support the work they have done in class on coastal landforms and processes. Students will work in small groups around Hornsea on a variety of tasks and although staff will check pupils, they will not be directly supervised at times. Pupils will know how and where to contact a member of staff at all times. In Leeds, the students will pay a visit to the Greenhouse, a sustainable development and then carry out fieldwork data collection in the City Centre. Again, there may be times when students are not directly supervised.

Pupils **must wear sensible outdoor clothes** for the day at Hornsea. This includes trousers (not jeans) and sturdy shoes (PE trainers or walking boots). They will be outside all day and there is no shelter. A warm jumper and waterproof jacket are essential. Waterproof trousers, a hat and gloves are also recommended.

On the Hornsea day, students **must** bring a packed lunch. On the Leeds day, there is an opportunity to buy lunch based on positive behaviour during the two trips. If you would like your son/daughter to take advantage of this opportunity, please ensure they have a small amount of spending money. Students should also bring some snacks and a drink on both days, as the opportunity to buy food may not arise until later in the afternoon.

<b>Geography Class teacher groups</b>	<b>Wednesday 19 September 2018</b>	<b>Thursday 20 September 2018</b>
Mrs Robinson and Miss Miller	Leeds	Hornsea
Mr Cleminson (2 classes) Mrs Barron	Hornsea	Leeds

Please note that on the Hornsea day, **we will not return to school until approximately 17:30**. On the Leeds day, we will be back in time for school transport.

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The cost for the trip will be £13.00 and payment should be made via ParentPay where online consent can be given. The trip is now showing on your account. If there are any changes to your child's medical records, please could you let me know ASAP in order that our records are up to date.

If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers please ensure that they bring them on the trip, otherwise we will be unable to take them.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip staff are acting in loco parentis just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the well-being of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands *before* accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, Head of Year and Senior Staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

The deadline for this payment and consent is Wednesday 12 September 2018.

Regards

Mrs R Barron  
Head of Geography

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