



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Geography GCSE Fieldwork to Leeds, Thursday 9 November 2023

On Thursday 9 November 2023 our Year 10 Geographers will be undertaking a Geography fieldwork day to Leeds. The fieldwork undertaken is essential for students who are studying GCSE Geography as they will sit an exam on the work they do in the field. This is one of two fieldwork days; the second will take place Thursday 27 June 2024 and the details will follow later.

Pupils will depart after registration on Thursday 9 November 2023 and travel to and from Leeds with G Abbotts & Sons and return in time for the school buses.

In Leeds the students will pay a visit to the new climate innovation development to support their understanding of urban sustainability. They will also visit a variety of sites, including Leeds Trinity and Leeds Dock, which have undergone urban regeneration; their fieldwork will centre around the success of these projects.

Some of the fieldwork carried out involves the students working near their teacher, but not under direct supervision. They will be asked to carry out some basic surveys including sketches and land use maps.

Pupils must wear sensible clothes for the day. They should ensure they are comfortable and appropriately dressed. Footwear that is suitable to walk a good distance around the city is also essential, along with a warm jumper and a waterproof jacket as students will be outside all day. A mobile phone, if they have one, is useful for safety and fieldwork purposes, but students should use the devices appropriately whilst on this school trip and it is their responsibility to keep the phone safe. Please note that any electronic devices are not covered by our school insurance.

Students will need to bring a bottle of water and a packed lunch. There may be an opportunity to buy a drink or snack later in the day and students are invited to bring a small amount of money to account for this if they wish.

The cost of the trip is £8.50, and payment should be made through your ParentPay account by **Friday 13 October 2023**. Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay and by ticking the box on ParentPay you are agreeing to your child taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that your child's medical details are up to date. If there are any changes to your child's medical details, please email medicalroom@staidans.co.uk.

This trip is compulsory and therefore if payment causes a problem at this time, please contact Mrs McDonald (t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk) as we would like to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend this trip.

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Headteacher: Mrs S Dover



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If your child's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers or antihistamines, please ensure that they bring them on the trip, otherwise we will be unable to take them. If they no longer require this medication, please advise the nurses in advance of the trip.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. Outdoor learning provides wonderful opportunities to build on essential skills that help children grow into confident, independent, and successful adults.

Excellent behaviour in school is a prerequisite of attendance as students are being trusted to represent themselves and us in the best possible manner.

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 considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. Please help us by reinforcing to your child our expectations on behaviour in order that every child can gain the maximum out of the trip.

Kind regards

Mrs A Lennox
Head of Geography