



17th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Walton-on-the-Naze Field Studies – Tuesday 25th June 2024

As part of the Geography GCSE AQA course, students are required to conduct a fieldwork investigation. The focus of the investigation will be the study of sea defences that have recently been built to protect the coastline at Walton-on-the-Naze. The trip will enable students to collect and analyse data for their Unit 3 exam.

It is essential that students attend on one of the days (specific teaching groups will be allocated a day). If they do not attend, they will be required to conduct the fieldwork and data collection **in their own time**. This will also be a memorable experience for the students as they will see all of the coastal processes and landforms they are studying in lessons and gain a better understanding of human interactions with the coastal environment.

The trip will be on Tuesday 25th June 2024, departing school at 8am and arriving back by 4.00pm by coach. Students will need to bring a packed lunch (students receiving free school meals will receive a packed lunch from the school canteen). **Please be aware, due to several students having severe Nut Allergies, we will not allow any products containing nuts on this trip, as in line with the school Nut Free Policy.**

Students may also bring with them a small amount of money if they wish to buy a snack from any of the outlets open near the seafront. Students may wear casual, comfortable clothing and should wear comfortable footwear such as trainers suitable for walking on the upper parts of a beach (not flip flops).

The day will be spent developing students' skills and knowledge of the following areas;

- Coastal processes
- Coastal defences
- Data collection
- Field sketching techniques
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Mapping techniques
- Decision making
- Data analysis



The cost for the trip is £26 which covers coach travel to and from Walton-on-the-Naze and entry to the Naze tower heritage site.

Payments and consent will need to be made online using the School Gateway website (see details attached), by Friday 14th June 2024. Please provide EMERGENCY CONTACT details and any MEDICAL issues (if applicable) at this time.

If you are registered or have previously been registered for free school meals please contact Mrs Sen **as soon as possible**, on 01727 731341 in order to allocate a place on the trip as there is funding available for those students.

Overall, the day will be a great opportunity for students to enhance their learning and complete Geography fieldwork skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in your son/daughter's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S James

Head of Geography

How to pay online:

Log on to: www.schoolgateway.com

Select: Make a Payment

Select: **Walton-on-the-Naze – Yr 10**

Follow the on screen instructions to complete the payment and please **ENSURE** that the following information is entered in the **COMMENT** box:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)
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No further information or comment is required.

