7th February 2024

**Re: Year 12 – London & South Downs Geography Fieldwork - July 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the Edexcel A level Geography specification, students are required to partake in four days of compulsory fieldwork throughout the course. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop subject knowledge away from the classroom environment, to develop their confidence and their resilience.

The first part of the fieldwork programme will be on Wednesday 6th March, with students collecting data around London. The second part will be a residential trip to the South Downs and Seaford on Friday 5th- Sunday 7th July.

**London – Wednesday 6th March**

This part of the trip will focus on human geography and examine how London has been regenerated. We will be visiting Kings Cross and the surrounding areas to complete our investigation. We will be meeting at St Alban’s City train station at 9.20am and we will be returning at approximately 3.00pm.

Students will need a packed lunch with them or some money to purchase lunch on the day. It is also important that students wear comfortable shoes.

**South Downs and Seaford – 5th July and 7th July**

The residential part of the trip will focus on physical Geography. We will be travelling by train to Brighton and onto Southease (in the South Downs). Students will need to meet at St Albans city train station at 9.30am.

We will be using the day to go through fieldwork skills and data collection/presentation methods in Brighton before heading to our accommodation at the YHA South Downs. Breakfast and evening meals are included in the cost of the trip, students will need money to purchase lunch on the second day. On the Saturday we will be studying the sea defences in the town of Seaford. We will aim to return to St Albans city station by 1.30pm on Sunday 7th July (subject to trains).

Students will be assessed in Year 13 on the key skills that they will develop through the fieldwork that will be undertaken on the trip. The trip will also give students the opportunity to collect data for their NEA (coursework) and so it is exceptionally important that all students attend. The school has subsidised the cost of the trip to try to make the trip more accessible for students, however if you do have any concerns about affordability, please do not hesitate to contact me as we may be able to access additional funding.

**If you are registered or have previously been registered for free school meals,** please contact Mrs Sen on 01727 731341.

The combined cost of the 4 days of fieldwork is **£175** which includes return train tickets to London on 6th March, return train travel to Brighton and Southease, accommodation on a half board basis from the 5th to 7th July and insurance. A payment of £85 is due by Friday 16th February with a further payment of £90 due on Friday 22nd March 2024.

Should you require any additional information with regards to the field work, please email s.james@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Kind regards

Sarah James

Head of Geography

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