



15th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Walton-on-the-Naze Field Studies – Monday 6th July 2026

As part of the Eduqas GCSE Geography course, students are required to complete two fieldwork investigations. This trip will focus on studying the geology and coastal defences at Walton-on-the-Naze, providing students with the opportunity to collect and analyse data for their Component 3 examination.

Attendance on this trip is essential, as the data collection forms a compulsory part of the course. Students who are unable to attend will be required to complete the fieldwork independently in their own time. In addition to its academic importance, the visit will be a valuable and memorable experience, allowing students to observe coastal processes and landforms first-hand and to develop a deeper understanding of human interaction with coastal environments.

We will depart from school at 8:00am and return by approximately 4:00pm, travelling by coach. Students should bring a packed lunch; those who receive free school meals will be provided with one by the school canteen. **Please note that, in line with the school's nut-free policy and due to severe allergies, no products containing nuts are permitted on this trip.**

Students may bring a small amount of money if they wish to purchase a snack from outlets near the seafront. They should wear comfortable, casual clothing and suitable footwear, such as trainers appropriate for walking on the beach (flip-flops are not permitted). Throughout the day, students will develop their skills and knowledge in the following areas:

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

The cost of the trip is £20.00. Due to high transport costs, the school has already subsidised this amount to make the trip as accessible as possible. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please contact me as soon as possible.

Payments will need to be made online using the School Gateway website (see details attached), by Friday 15th May.

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 – Monday 6th July 2026**

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)

No further information or comment is required.

It is important that we have this information for the trip leader in case of an emergency and for Health & Safety reasons.

If you would like information on how to access the School Gateway system then please contact the School Office on 01727 856874.