



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



22 February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip to Manchester:

Monday 12 March: 11S (Mr Sixsmith) and 11I (Mr Gardiner)

Tuesday 13 March: 11D (Mr Duckworth), 11G (Mr Gardiner) and 11B (Mr Sixsmith)

As part of the new Geography GCSE requirement, students must now undertake two pieces of fieldwork, which will be assessed by questions set as part of Paper 3 in the final summer exams. Year 11 geographers have already undertaken the rivers fieldwork, and now need to visit an urban environment. To enable students to gather the necessary data to produce this work, the Geography Department proposes to run a full day field trip to Manchester for classes on the above dates to investigate land use change along a transect between Salford Quays and central Manchester, as part of the current Changing Cities unit. This will fulfil the Human Geography fieldwork part of the syllabus requirements.

There is a **cost to cover return coach hire of £6.50** per student (cheque to be made payable to 'Bishop Rawstorne CofEAcademy Trust Fund') – please return payment and slips to the main school office as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday 7 March 2018. Alternatively, you can pay by 'School Money' by following the link in the text message, which you will receive to pay by debit or credit card.

Should you chose to pay on-line, we will assume that you have provided implied consent and have agreed to the terms set out in the reply slip.

Any place offered on an educational visit is conditional and may subsequently be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team of the Academy if a student's presence is identified as being potentially prejudicial to the health and safety of those participating in the visit.

Students should **meet in the layby at 8.15am** on the day of their class trip to be registered and ready for an 8.30am departure at latest. The coach is expected to **return at 3.15pm** for a normal school departure. **School uniform need not be worn**, so students should attend school in the morning already in their fieldwork clothes. As there will be a lot of walking, sensible clothes and footwear appropriate to the weather and being outside for much of the day are required.

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We will need to gather data as we walk between Salford Quays and central Manchester. Sunscreen is advisable if it is sunny (!) and a waterproof jacket if it is wet. A rucksack for the student to carry their writing pads, a clipboard, writing equipment (including a pencil) and a clear plastic bag to protect notes would also be required, as will equipment to take photos of urban features – of course, this will need to be carefully looked after by students at their own risk. If students wish to take snacks and a drink to keep their energy up as we walk this would be fine. There should be an opportunity for students to buy lunch in central Manchester before we are picked up by the coach, alternatively they can take a packed lunch in their rucksack. We have built half an hour or so of contingency time into the day – if this is not needed for data collection students may be allowed time to explore the Arndale shopping centre briefly.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Gardiner
Head of Geography



BISHOP RAWSTORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

(Reply slip - Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip to Manchester, to be returned to the main school office by no later than Wednesday 7 March 2018)

Student's name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

I/we give authorisation for my/our son/daughter to take part in the Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip to Manchester and will make the necessary arrangements for him/her to be at school for 8.15am on the day of their trip.

I/we enclose payment of £6.50 (cheque to be made payable to Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy Trust Fund).

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Name: _____ (please print)

Date: _____