



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



23 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip to Lead Mines Clough in the West Pennine Moors, Lancashire:

Tuesday 8 October: Mr Sixsmith's class

Friday 11 October: Mr Gardiner's class

Wednesday 9 October: Mr Duckworth's class

Monday 14 October: Mrs Cogley's class

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. To enable students to gather the necessary data to produce this work, the Geography Department proposes to run a field trip to the stream at Lead Mines Clough near Rivington on the above dates to investigate downstream change in a river, as part of the current River Landscapes and Processes unit. This will fulfil the Physical Geography fieldwork part of the syllabus requirements.

There is **no cost** to students as we will be using the school minibuses and taking one class per day between 11am and 3.15pm. Students will be in lessons periods one and two on their designated trip day and should leave their exercise books in their lockers rather than take them onto the moor.

Students should **meet in room A6** as soon as possible after the start of break after eating a quick snack and visiting the restroom, and should take a packed lunch and drink with them on the trip. **Registration will take place in A6 at 11.05am**, with departure as soon as possible after a group briefing. The minibus is expected to **return at around 3.10pm** to enable students to make their regular way home. **School uniform need not be worn**, so students can attend school in the morning already in their fieldwork clothes. A sensible outer layer of clothes appropriate to the weather and being outside for the afternoon is required and footwear should be appropriate for plenty of walking on grassy, muddy slopes.

We will need to gather data from three points along a shallow stream, so students may get a little wet. **Wellington boots** are advised for going into the water (which is only just above ankle deep), a **small towel** for drying and warming hands after taking stone samples from the river bed, and a spare pair of socks might be useful in case of emergencies. Waterproofs will be invaluable and a warm drink in a flask might be beneficial! Writing pads, clipboard, writing equipment (including a pencil) and a clear plastic bag to protect notes will also be required, as will equipment to take photos of the river features – of course, this will need to be carefully looked after by students at their own risk. There is no need to take money as we will not be near any shops.

Please return the attached Reply Slip for consent to the main school office by Tuesday 1 October 2019.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Student's Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

I/We would like my/our son/daughter to take part in the above trip. I/We agree to the terms set out in the letter relating to this trip.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

Name: _____ (please print)