

Thursday 14 February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Geography Trip to Epping Forest - Date: Thursday 14 March 2019

We will be running one final Geography fieldwork trip to allow the Year 11s to be ready for their Paper 3 Geography exam. The paper 3 is a combination of fieldwork and a pre-release which will come out in March looking at the interpretation of using Geographical skills within a specific context.

We will be traveling to Epping forest on Thursday 14 March 2019 to undertake a Physical Geography fields studies day with the Field Studies Council who are one of the leading experts in this area. We will be basing our day around Debden Brook. The day has been tailor made to fit with the requirements of the AQA examination and will look at a detailed Rivers study. More information on the site can be found using the following link:

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/londonregion/eppingforest/learn/schools/info-for-teachers/our-fieldsites-what-to-expect.aspx>

All Geography pupils need to undertake fieldwork to allow them to pass their paper 3 examination. They must undertake a Physical and Human element. Failure to undertake any fieldwork will significantly impact on their ability to complete the course so we urge all pupils to attend this trip to ensure they are fully prepared for the exam. We will be undertaking the human element in a local setting in the coming weeks.

We will be leaving Highcrest Academy 8.15am and should return to school around 4.30pm (traffic dependent).

The cost of the trip will be £27. This includes the £21 day fee from the centre and the additional cost will cover the coach. I understand that this may seem high but using the field centre will ensure the pupils gain the correct knowledge needed for the exam. The costing of the trip will be in accordance with the DfE's guidelines with respect to voluntary contributions. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Highcrest Academy' and should have the name and form of the student, as well as the name and date of the trip printed clearly on the back.

Pupils will need to wear suitable footwear and bring with them a packed lunch and any snacks/drinks they will need for the day if your child is entitled to free school meals please indicate on the reply slip. If students bring money or personal items with them on the trip, they do so at their own risk; the school takes no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to such items.

To attend the trip all reply slips and voluntary contributions must be handed into the finance office by Friday 1 March 2019, no late payments will be accepted.

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

Kind regards

Miss A Jordan
Head of Humanities

**PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE FINANCE OFFICE ALONG
WITH YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION BY FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2019**

Pupil Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for the above pupil to attend the Epping Forest Field work day on Thursday 14 March 2019. I understand that they will need to wear suitable footwear and bring a packed lunch.

I enclose the voluntary contribution of £27 which is non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled

- Cash
- Cheque

My child is entitled to a free school meal

Parent Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Emergency Contact Numbers (on day of the trip): _____
