

Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

2018/19 GCSE Geography Field Trip

As part of the GCSE Geography specification, students are required to undertake two compulsory days of fieldwork. This will comprise of a one-day fieldwork experience of both a physical and human environment. Your daughter's experience of fieldwork will be assessed through the Geographical Investigations section of Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues.

Fieldwork Experience 1

The physical environment we will be studying will be the River Tillingbourne. The students' aim will be to investigate how and why drainage basin and channel characteristics influence flood risk for people and property along a river in the UK.

I have chosen to work with the Field Studies Council at Juniper Hall in Dorking to help us undertake the data collection for the study. This is a centre the department have used for several years to provide our fieldwork experience of river environments. The benefit of using a field centre is that the qualified staff have an in-depth knowledge of the area and the specialist equipment to collect accurate data to complete the study. The day will involve some preparatory work in the classrooms at the field centre, followed by a visit to multiple sites along the course of the Tillingbourne where your daughter will be using a variety of fieldwork techniques to collect data. We will then return to Juniper Hall to complete some follow up work of the day's fieldwork.

Due to the size of the cohort, I have split the teaching groups over two days:

| Geography class | Date of physical fieldwork |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10A1 (Mr Garnham's group) | Monday 10 September |
| 10A2 (Mrs Lowe's group) | Monday 10 September |
| 10B (Miss Shave's group) | Monday 17 September |
| 10C (Mrs Lowe's group) | Monday 17 September |

Due to the revised start date for the beginning of the Autumn term, this now means that 10A1 and 10A2 will be completing their fieldwork on the first day of term.

We will be departing school at 8:30am and expect to arrive back to school for approximately 5:30pm.

Your daughter is not required to wear school uniform for this trip. She should make sure that she wears clothing and footwear suitable for working outdoors. Waterproof jackets and trousers will be required - if your daughter has her own she should bring them. If she does not have her own waterproofs, then she is able to borrow them from Juniper Hall. Your daughter should also bring wellington boots, as she will be required to collect some of her data in the river channel itself (if she does not own a pair of wellington boots, Juniper Hall are also able to lend these). It is recommended your daughter also brings a spare pair of socks with her.



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A clip board and pencils will be needed to record and protect the data they collect. Your daughter will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks with her for the day (no glass bottles please). As part of their data presentation your daughter may wish to include photos of their data collection methods and findings, she may therefore wish to bring her own camera for this (members of the Geography Department will also be collecting photographs on the day which will be accessible to students once we return to school).

Fieldwork Experience 2

The human environment we will be studying is the Isle of Dogs. The students' aim will be to investigate how and why quality of life varies within urban areas. The Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form Geography Department will be running this day of fieldwork ourselves. The day will involve a visit to the Museum of London Docklands as well as using the locations of Canary Wharf, Millwall Dock and Cubitt Town to complete a variety of methods of data collection.

We will meet at Surbiton train station at 09:00am and make our way by rail and underground to the London Docklands. To travel between sites, we will be using the DLR or will be travelling on foot. We will return to Surbiton train station for approximately 5:00pm where your daughter can make her own way home or be collected.

Due to the size of the cohort, I have split the teaching groups over three days:

| Geography class | Date of physical fieldwork |
|---------------------------|--|
| 10A1 (Mr Garnham's group) | Monday 15 October |
| 10A2 (Mrs Lowe's group) | Thursday 18 October |
| 10B (Miss Shave's group) | Monday 15 October - Alwan-Lawrenson Thursday 18 October - Loosely-Woods |
| 10C (Mrs Lowe's group) | Friday 19 October |

Students should ensure they are wearing full school uniform and be prepared with a packed lunch and a waterproof jacket in case of any rain.

A clip board and pencils will be needed to record the data they collect. As part of their data presentation your daughter may wish to include photos of their data collection methods and findings, she may therefore wish to bring her own camera for this (members of the Geography Department will also be collecting photographs on the day which will be accessible to students once we return to school).

The combined cost of the two days of fieldwork is £46.50. Please give your consent and make payment for this trip through ParentPay by **Thursday 23 August 2018**. This is a reducing balance payment service. If there is financial difficulty, please contact the Finance Department in confidence as soon as possible.

If you would like to pass any additional emergency contact details, or make us aware of any medical issues that the school does not already hold on file, please contact me via my email address.

Yours faithfully



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