

13 June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of the GCSE Geography course students are required to complete two days' fieldwork based on both a human and a physical topic. We are planning to take all Year 10 Geography students to Bristol for their human fieldwork day. The students will visit Bristol Temple Quay and the floating harbour to investigate how successful the regeneration of Temple Quay has been.

The students will also be taken on a boat tour around Bristol's floating harbour from the SS Great Britain to Temple Quay to learn about the modern redevelopment which has taken place in the area. This is particularly useful as we also study Bristol as a case study for the Urban Change topic.

The trips are planned for **Tuesday 3 July and Friday 6 July**. We will be leaving school at 9.00am. Students must assemble on the tennis courts at 08.50, once they have registered with their tutor, to ensure the coaches leave on time. We will return to school for around 15.30 (dependent on traffic).

**Tuesday 3 July**

**10A1 – Mrs Stone**

**10B1- Mrs Neenan**

**10C1 – Mr Bannister**

**Friday 6 July**

**10D1 – Mr Bannister**

**10D2 – Mrs Neenan**

The students will focus on the fieldwork enquiry process and will be required to collect a variety of individual and group data on the trip with the support of their teachers. The fieldwork enquiry process will be examined in their Paper 3 exam which is worth 30% of the total GCSE.

Students are required to wear their school uniform for this trip. They will also need to make sure they have the following equipment with them:

- Packed lunch (there will be no time to buy food there).
- Wet weather clothing eg raincoat with a hood (we will be outside all day).
- Pens and pencils and a clipboard if they have one (we do have some to borrow at school)
- Small rucksack to carry lunch and equipment.
- Cameras are suggested so that students can use photographs as evidence but are the responsibility of individual students. In order to finance this trip, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution of £11.50. We very much hope you are able to contribute; if we do not get enough contributions we will have to cancel the trip.

As the school receives a grant for students eligible for Free School Meals, we do not require a contribution for these students as this can be funded from the grant, however, a completed consent form is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Please could you ensure your child returns the attached EV5 form to the school's Finance Office by **Monday 25 June**, along with the voluntary contribution of £11.50 which will cover the transport to and from Bristol and the boat trip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Neenan  
**Geography Teacher and Trip Leader**

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**Year 10 Geography Fieldwork in Bristol – 3 or 6 July 2018.**

Please return this form to the Finance Office.

As parent/carer of ..... (student's name and form) I would be willing/unwilling\* to make a voluntary contribution of [ ] to cover the cost of the trip. I enclose cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School/I have paid online or by credit/debit card\*. (\*Please delete as applicable).

I am currently receiving Free School Meals

Signed ..... Date .....