



05 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK DAYS – FRIDAY 07 AND FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025

I would like to invite your son/daughter to attend the fieldwork study day in Stratford, London on Friday 07 November 2025 and Reculver, Kent on Friday 14 November.

As a compulsory part of their GCSE Geography course, students are expected to attend two fieldwork days, one at a coastal location (Reculver, Kent) the other focussing on an urban location (Stratford). They will be examined on their ability to recall information related to carrying out research outside of the classroom. This forms part of their Paper 3 exam which is worth 30% of their final GCSE grade.

On Friday 07 November, students will meet at Tilbury Train Station at 08:30am. This fieldwork trip will investigate regeneration in the area of Stratford in London. This day will largely be spent outside, so warm clothes, a coat and sensible shoes are essential. We aim to be back at Tilbury Train Station by 2.30pm, where students will be dismissed.

On Friday 14 November, students will need to arrive at the Academy for 07.45am, to take a coach to Reculver in Kent. The fieldwork will be carried out on the beach, which is open and exposed, so warm clothes and a coat are essential. Students will need to wear sensible shoes as the fieldwork will involve walking on uneven ground. The weather can be unpredictable, so we recommend bringing weather proof shoes/boots if possible. We aim to arrive back at the Academy for 2.30pm, depending on traffic, when students will be dismissed.

It is recommended that you supply your child with a packed lunch on both of these days, especially, as the lunch options at Stratford can be expensive and Reculver is a rural settlement with limited places to eat. If your son/daughter is eligible for free school meals, this will still be provided for them.

As fieldwork is compulsory for the exam, I have made every effort to make the trip affordable for as many students as possible. The cost of the two fieldwork trips is **£10.00** and payment for these trips is due by **Friday 03 October 2025**. Please note that we reserve the right to remove any student from the trip due to poor discipline, effort, behaviour, or anyone who is deemed untrustworthy for such a trip. In the unlikely event of this happening, no refund will be issued.

I am confident you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child. To confirm their participation in this trip, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form herewith: <https://forms.gle/VxEPAHswpz6c7zXf8>. Please note, you do not need a Google account to fill in the form, although you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome. Kindly ensure the Google Form is completed and submitted by **Friday 03 October 2025**. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to participate in this trip and will be expected to attend their usual lessons on this day. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at rebekah.blissett@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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