



06 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK DAYS – THURSDAY 07 AND FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024

I would like to invite your son/daughter to attend the fieldwork study day in Reculver, Kent on Thursday 07 November and Stratford, London on Friday 15 November 2024.

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 Thursday 07 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.

On Friday 15 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.

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 18 September 2024**.

Please note that The Gateway Academy, the Principal and any other member of the Senior Management team 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.

If you have any questions regarding these trips, especially related to payment, photographs or medical needs, please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number 01375 489000 or via email at nathan.hunnisett@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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REPLY SLIP

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I give permission for _____ (Student Name) to attend the GCSE Geography Fieldwork Days on Thursday 07 **and** Friday 15 November 2024

I also agree to authorise members of staff during the trip to approve such medical treatment for my child as is necessary in an emergency on the advice of a qualified medical practitioner. I have written below any medical conditions from which my child is suffering together with details of treatment required. I understand that the school will not be held responsible for any problem with my child resulting from an undisclosed medical condition.

I agree to photographs which may include my son/daughter being taken during the course of any activity which may be used in publications such as school newsletters and other promotional publications as produced by the Academy.

*I confirm that I have paid my child's contribution of £10.00 via ParentPay

*I am happy for my child to make their own way home from the Gateway Academy / Tilbury Town Station

*My son/daughter is eligible for a free school meal Yes / No

**Please tick as appropriate*

Any medical conditions/allergies _____

Student Mobile Number _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Number _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)

Please return completed slip with payment to Student Services by Friday 18 September 2024