

27 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## GCSE COASTAL GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK – Week beginning 30 Sept- 4 Oct

Fieldwork is an essential element of the GCSE Geography course. With the removal of coursework from GCSE Geography, fieldwork is now assessed by an additional exam, Paper 3, worth 30% of the final grade. Fieldwork also helps bridge the divide between the classroom and the real world. For the AQA GCSE course, students are required to undertake two enquiries. As a department, we have opted to investigate the following two questions: 1. 'Are the groynes in Hornsea effective at stopping longshore drift?' and 2. 'Is recreation and tourism important in Hornsea?' Data will be collected on one fieldwork day during the week beginning 30 September.

Your child will go on the trip on one of the above dates. They will be informed of which day by their Geography teacher. Travel will be by coach to and from Hornsea. Students should arrive to school no later than 8.45am and meet in the Dining Hall, where they will be registered. We shall arrive back at Millthorpe between 3.45pm and 4.00pm (traffic permitting).

The cost of the trip resources will be met by the school but we would ask for a **contribution of £12** towards the considerable travel costs. This can be paid by via ParentPay. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, there will be no charge for this trip. The day itself will be spent on the beach of Hornsea. We will be outside for much of the day and will, at times, be negotiating tricky and slippery terrain. It is therefore essential that all students wear clothing appropriate to the weather (bearing in mind that the coast is likely to be cooler and breezier than here in York and that the weather can change quickly) and that sturdy footwear is worn.

Your child will also need to bring a set of equipment, including pen, pencil, 30cm ruler, eraser and pencil sharpener, and plenty of water. Your child may bring a pack up or purchase fish and chips from Sullivans at lunchtime, where a regular fish and chips costs £6.30. Students eligible for free school meals may take a pack up from the school canteen. This should be ordered from canteen staff before the day of the trip and collected from the canteen on the morning of the trip.

Students will be allowed to bring mobile phones, MP3s etc on the trip but, if they choose to do so, we must stress that such items are solely their responsibility.

Whilst the trip is primarily one of work, we do hope your child enjoys their day out of school on the coast. We will expect only the highest standard of behaviour on the trip and I do hope you will support the school by reiterating these expectations to your child. I look forward to a pleasant and productive day.

Yours faithfully

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