



May 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Geography GCSE; Fieldwork Focus

As part of the Geography GCSE, students must complete a fieldwork enquiry. This will entail them going out of school to collect primary data. The results of this work will be assessed in Paper 3 of their exams and as such, it is an important part of the course. All groups will travel to our chosen locations of Hengistbury Head and Lyndhurst by school minibus, leaving school at 08:40am and returning by 3.30pm. The dates for your child's group are:

Monday 9th June - 10R2 (Mrs Way)
Tuesday 10th June - 10R3 (Mrs Conti)
Friday 13th June – 10U (Mrs Way)
Monday 16th June - 10R1 (Miss Skinner)

On the day your child will need to arrive at school as normal at 08:30am and meet their Geography teacher outside reception where they will be registered. They will need a **packed lunch** (students entitled to Free School Meals will have lunch provided for them by the canteen), suitable clothing (non-uniform) which includes a sturdy pair of shoes as we will be walking along the beach. They will have equipment and data recording sheets to carry, so some form of rucksack or bag will be essential. There may be the opportunity to purchase snacks or ice creams, so it is acceptable for your child to bring a small amount of money with them. Students should be prepared for the weather they are likely to experience on the day (e.g. waterproofs/sun cream as appropriate).

They have been put into groups and will work with their group during the day. At no time will they be unsupervised or away from the other groups and a member of staff will be on hand to advise and help them. Students will be accompanied by at least 3 members of staff. **We take the health and safety of all our pupils and staff very seriously and therefore must inform you that if students behaviour falls short of the school's expectations, appropriate consequences will be actioned upon our return and their place on future trips and visits may be affected.**

If there has been a change in your child's medical details or requirements since you returned the school medical form, you will need to inform the school of these changes as soon as possible by completing the on-line medical form found [here](#).

Please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details in order to provide consent. Please complete the online consent form as soon as possible, but by **Friday 30th May** at the latest. This is essential as we are unable to take any students out of school without this consent.



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This fieldwork is funded entirely by the school as it is an essential part of the GCSE course.

We take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students at all times. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

If you have any questions regarding this fieldwork visit, please don't hesitate to contact me by email jskinner@noadswood.hants.sch.uk or via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Skinner
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