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Dear Parents/Carers,

Expression of Interest for Lyme Regis Cross Curricula Trip

Our geography, science and history departments have joined forces to offer an exciting cross curricular field trip to Lyme Regis. The trip is available to current year 9 students and will take place on **Tuesday 29th September** when they are in year 10.

The trip will provide an opportunity to study the unique geology of Lyme Bay, explore the fossil record, and understand its links to the theory of evolution. It will also showcase key coastal processes and geological features, as well as the historical context of this seaside town, including the fascinating life and background of the pioneering fossil hunter Mary Anning.

This multidisciplinary trip will be led by Dr Shaw, Miss Skinner and Miss Ebblewhite.

- Fossil walks on the beaches where Mary Anning hunted for fossils
- Sessions led by an expert museum Learning & Engagement Officer, palaeontologist and science communicator and a team of inspirational guides – the Mary Anning experts!
- Use of a secure, purpose-built classroom with stunning view of Lyme Bay and Jurassic Coast

We have secured a booking date which coincides with a spring low tide at around midday. This will be one of the lowest tides of the year, offering good conditions for fossil hunting. There are no guarantees - you never know what you may find - but with help from experts you will be able to identify any fossils, discuss the chemistry of rocks, identify interesting minerals or understand the fascinating rock formations as we explore the beach. There are many fossils to be seen in situ, with large ammonites preserved in the limestone pavement and boulders scattering the beach.


We have been allocated 40 places on this trip. The total cost of the trip will be **£30.00** which includes travel to and from the venue by coach and tickets into the museum. In the first instance, if your child is successful in gaining a place on this trip, we would be asking for full payment of £30.00 by **Monday 8th June at 4pm.**

Before we ask for payment, we would like to gauge how many students would like to go. If your child would like to attend, 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 to provide consent. The closing date for this trip is **Friday 29th May at 4pm.** By providing consent, you are agreeing to pay the full payment as

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mentioned above. Once payment has been made, if you withdraw your child, we will not be able to process a refund until a replacement has been found.

We do reserve the right to not proceed with the trip if numbers are too low. If this trip is oversubscribed, we will determine the places by a fair ballot. **Confirming your child's place through Arbor does not guarantee that they have a space on the trip.** We will confirm after the closing date if your child has been successful in obtaining a place and will then request payment. The deadline for making payment will be **Monday 8th June at 4pm.**

We always take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students. 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.

Yours sincerely

Heidi Shaw, Jo Skinner and Laura Ebblewhite