

Ref: 100/15

29th June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

**GCSE Geography Coursework/Fieldwork
Wednesday 8th July 2015**

Students in Year 10 Geography groups will be taking part in the collection of geographical data for the purpose of completing the Controlled Assessment component of the GCSE Geography Exam. The fieldwork is based on investigating different functional parts of Castleton. The data collection will involve land-use mapping, pedestrian counts, traffic counts and questionnaire work.

The Controlled Assessment is regarded as an essential part of the GCSE Geography Course, (contributing 25% of the final examination mark).

We shall travel by hired coach to Castleton, Derbyshire, Peak District, leaving as soon after 9 am as possible and returning to school approximately 4.30pm to 5.00p.m. On the day, the student will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink/flask, and a snack for the afternoon. Clothing should be suitable casual dress appropriate for work outdoors. Waterproofs will be required, as the data collection should go ahead in spite of rain. If however it is fine and sunny then students will need protection from the sun, a cap, sunblock, etc.

Students will also need to bring pens, pencils, rubber, clipboard (and polythene bag cover). These items are essential. They may also take a camera, as appropriate photographs may enhance their studies, however, school cannot be responsible for the loss and/or damage of any such items. A field notebook will be provided for recording purposes and this must be submitted with the final project as part of the examination requirements.

The prime consideration of fieldwork leaders is always the safety of the individual and the overall safety of the party and any decisions made or disciplinary action taken is to that end. On such outings we are all representatives of the school and the appropriate behaviour is expected.

The locations to be studied have been visited before and the accompanying staff are familiar with the local geography and conditions. All the usual precautions and considerations regarding weather and location will be taken to ensure the safety of the party. The successful outcome to the day's timetable depends on the active participation, co-operation and dedicated effort of participants.

Any case where special medical consideration is necessary should be reported in writing to Mrs Williams. Could you please complete the attached reply slip to give permission for your son to participate and return it to Mrs Williams.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K D Williams
Teacher of Geography

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Reply Slip to Mrs Williams – Geography Coursework/Fieldwork

Student: Form:

I/We give permission for our son to attend the Geography trip to Castleton on Wednesday 8th July 2015.

Signed:parent/carer) Date: