

September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you might be aware, fieldwork is an essential component of studying Geography and each year the department runs **compulsory** fieldtrips, designed to provide excellent preparation for students to complete their independent investigation, worth 20% of their final grade. Students are required to complete the fieldtrip visits as part of their final assessment and will cover fieldwork tasks for both physical and human geography. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may have an impact on these fieldtrips. These trips are currently scheduled to take place as planned with additional health and safety precautions being put in place if required.

Provisional Date(s) and destinations:

West Wittering: Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd November 2021 (one day only and dependent on group)

Godalming: w/b 22nd November or w/b 29th November 2021 (one day only and dependent on group)

Guildford: w/b 21st March or w/b 28th March 2022 (one day only and dependent on group)

Approximate costs:

The approximate cost for all three fieldtrips is £20. This will be a non-refundable payment due by 4th October. Payment is via the Parent Portal and you will also be required to complete a medical form for your child at this time. Please ensure that the college is informed if there are any medical changes.

Coach transport will be provided for the Witterings Fieldtrip, but students will be required to arrange and fund their own transport to Godalming and Guildford. They will be met by teaching staff at a predetermined point and time.

For students in receipt of a Bursary, please see Val Jones for information about financial assistance with this trip.

These trips will provide educationally stimulating experiences for students, in which the welfare and safety of students is paramount, whilst at the same time ensuring that students as young adults have the freedom to explore the locations for themselves. In this respect students will be advised of their obligations under the College Residential Trips Code of Conduct.

We would add that the College has a general insurance policy and should you wish to see a copy of this you should contact myself or the College Trips and Visits Administrator.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to email me on ajm@godalming.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely

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