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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Geography Fieldtrip to Preston Montford FSC Centre Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th September 2023

I am writing to inform you of the plans for the compulsory field trip students undertake as part of the requirements of GCSE Geography specification. Students must complete fieldwork in one physical and one human environment, which will be assessed in their linear exams as part of Paper 3 in June 2024; so are of critical importance to the students' final GCSE grade.

Each year, geographers at Sandringham have the opportunity to travel to the excellent Field Studies Centre at Preston Montford, Shrewsbury. This enables them access to the appropriate facilities and equipment required for contemporary fieldwork studies, offers support from specialist fieldwork tutors, and gives students the opportunity and experience to carry out fieldwork methodologies in an unfamiliar setting – a transferrable skill for most potential future career pathways.

The cost of the trip is **£270** per student, which will cover all costs including:

- Shared accommodation at the centre
- Transport to and from the centre and in the locality
- All meals
- Tuition from experts at the centre

An **initial deposit of £100** is required by **Friday 30th June 2023** followed by **£170** by **Friday 8th September 2023** via ParentPay. Should you require financial assistance please email trips@sandringham.herts.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Please be aware that this trip will not take place until the start of Year 11. It is arranged at an appropriate time early in the school year to minimise disruption to students in what is a critically important time in the context of their academic studies. Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school prior to the trip taking place. If any student's behaviour or attitude is in question and they are removed from the trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded.



Further details about the itinerary of the trip, including a kit list, will be released later in the summer term. If you have any queries please feel free to get in contact and I will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Miller
Director of Learning: Geography

