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11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

## Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip to Preston Montford FSC, Shropshire Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

As you are aware, Year 11 geographers are set to undertake their compulsory fieldwork visit to Preston Montford FSC from **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. Fieldwork carried out during the trip will provide vital practice developing and critiquing the use of fieldwork skills which will be examined in Paper 3 of their final GCSE exams this summer. Students will be required to answer questions on 'Familiar' and 'Unfamiliar' fieldwork, gained through carrying out fieldwork enquiries in the field. This makes this short trip extremely important for the students. To ensure they are adequately prepared for the visit, key information about the trip is as follows:

Students will need to arrive to school as normal at **8:20am on Wednesday morning** in clothes appropriate for outdoor fieldwork – studies in an urban city centre – to be carried out in the afternoon and **drop their bags to the new canteen**. They will attend registration as normal and proceed to session 1. Students will be allowed to **leave session 1 at 9:15am**, collect their bags, and **gather outside the SandPit Theatre** to meet the coaches.

Students will need to pack the following items:

- Sensible and appropriate outdoor clothing for three days
- Clothes to wear in the evening suitable and appropriate for the classroom
- Sensible outdoor shoes for use in the field
- Wellington boots (available to hire at the centre for £5 refundable deposit)
- A waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (available to hire at the centre for £1 a day)
- Sun cream and a hat for warm weather
- A pair of trainers / shoes to wear in the evening
- Towel
- Toiletries
- A suitable day bag / rucksack to carry a packed lunch and any appropriate equipment
- Stationery – calculator, pens, pencils, rulers,
- A mobile phone, fully charged, for keeping in contact during fieldwork and for taking photos
- Lined paper / notebook
- Clipboard and a large clear plastic bag (big enough to write inside if it rains)
- A lunch box and water bottle



It will be necessary for students to bring a day bag / rucksack with them on the day of departure as we will be conducting fieldwork on the way to the FSC, arriving there in the early evening. Students also need to bring a packed lunch for the journey. If your child usually receives free school meals and would like to have a packed lunch provided, please let us know.

Any outstanding payments should be made by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** by ParentPay. Please **complete the attached medical form to notify us of any relevant medical conditions and dietary requirements.**

In case of any enquiries, the address of the accommodation is:

Preston Montford Field Centre  
Montford Bridge  
Shrewsbury  
Shropshire  
SY4 1DX  
Telephone: 01743 852040

We anticipate **returning to school at around 4:30pm - 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, but this is subject to traffic and weather conditions on the roads.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Miller  
Director of Learning: Geography