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Dear Families,

Geography Fieldtrip to Stratford/Newham, Thursday 18th January 2024

On Thursday 18th January 2024, Sandringham delivers our third Extended Learning Day (ELD) of the school year. The Geography Faculty use this date as an opportunity to provide Year 12 Geography students with a chance to visit the Stratford Olympic Park and surrounding areas of East London to examine issues related to their '**contrasting place**', a case study that forms a compulsory part of the specification for Unit 4A: Regenerating Places. A first-hand experience of the area is highly beneficial to their understanding and helps contrast with their 'local place'. Additionally, it is an opportunity to practice primary fieldwork techniques that may be used for the **Non-Examined Assessment (NEA)**, which makes up 20% of the A Level qualification. This constitutes one of four days of compulsory fieldwork that students must complete to fulfil the requirements of the specification.

Students will need to arrive independently at St Albans City station entrance to meet with myself and other members of staff by 9.15am. They will need to purchase a return train ticket when we meet at the station, which is expected to cost approximately **£25**. Whilst in Stratford, we will be conducting simple fieldwork exercises both outside and inside. Students are allowed to wear casual clothes but should wear sensible footwear and bring waterproofs or warm clothes to suit the weather. Most of the day will be spent outside in the open air. We expect to return to St Albans station between 3.00-3.30pm, dependent on the trains running smoothly on the day. Once we have arrived back at the station, students will be free to find their own way home.

Students may opt to bring money to purchase lunch, or bring a packed lunch, as no food will be provided. They will need a pencil case and a clipboard if possible. All academic resources needed for study during the day will be provided. If your child is in receipt of a bursary, then financial assistance can be arranged. If a student chooses not to participate, they will be required to attend school as normal to undertake arranged ELD activities based in school on that day.

If you are happy for your child to stay in London after the fieldwork activities have concluded of their own accord, we require your authorisation. If you could make this known via this Google Form below, we can accommodate this request.

<https://forms.gle/W1PNvVh3NbHy5cAr8>

Yours sincerely,

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