



5th October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

GCSE Geography Fieldwork

A compulsory part of the new GCSE Geography course involves fieldwork and the collection of primary data. The fieldwork has to cover human and physical geography and take place on two separate occasions. Students have studied the 'Urban issues and challenges in the UK' topic and have been looking in some detail at Newcastle upon Tyne. We plan to carry out the human fieldwork along the quayside in order to identify if regeneration has been successful. The remainder of the day will be spent at a range of locations around Newcastle in order to support the understanding of the urban challenges case study.

10AG1 Miss Watson, 10AG2 Ms Wright and 10B Mr Jones will go on Monday 14th November

10C Miss White and 10D Miss Watson will go on Friday 18th November

Transport is by coach which leaves at **9am and will return at approximately 5.00pm - 5.30pm**. It will involve collecting data from various points around Newcastle, so students will be outside for most of the day. This is not a shopping trip and it is important that students come prepared to work and do some walking around the city. The usual school rules and expectations will apply during the trip.

The trip is non-uniform and students should wear sensible clothes, as they will be outside all day no matter what the weather, so a waterproof coat will be essential. All of the walking is in the city but sensible shoes should be worn. Students should bring a pen or pencil and if they wish a clipboard, mobile phones are fine for health and safety but usual school rules apply with their use. Students can bring a packed lunch or they will have time to buy some lunch in the city centre if they wish.

Most of the work will be carried out as one teaching group with their Geography teacher and another member of staff. As we will be in a busy urban area students need to take care when crossing roads and moving between locations. We will allow students who have focused well during the morning fieldwork free time over lunch. They will need to stay in groups of no less than three and will be given the school mobile number should they need to contact us. Should you prefer your son or daughter to stay with staff over the lunch time please let me know so this can be arranged.

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Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the GCSE course and therefore all students have to attend the trip. When organising these trips we try to keep the cost as low as possible but costs continue to rise.

The cost of the trip is £15 and payment should be made via ParentPay by Wednesday 9th November.

Please log into your account and select 'Items to Pay' and then select '**Year 10 GCSE Geography Newcastle fieldwork 2022**'. If you have any queries in relation to payment, please contact finance@stokesleyschool.org.

The school issues an annual consent form to cover all UK trips during the academic year and this consent form will be used for future consent. We will send consent forms home with students if we don't have one on record. Please return them to reception as soon as possible.

Please contact me at c.jones@stokesleyschool.org if you require any further information.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr C Jones

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