

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: YEAR 9 GCSE STYLE FIELDWORK ASSESSMENT
Friday 8th November 2019 - 11.50am – 14.50pm
Classes: 9P2 and 9GF2

We write to inform you that your son/daughter will be participating in a field trip to fulfil the requirements of the compulsory fieldwork assessment that forms part of the Year 9 programme of study in Geography. The date and time of the trip are detailed above. The trip provides the preparatory data for one of the key Year 9 assessments in Geography for the year. It will further provide your son/daughter with a range of transferable skills that will be needed in their future GCSE subjects.

The main title of the work is:

‘Should housing be developed on the land adjoining Filching Close?’

The Year 9 programme of study includes the challenges of urbanisation, designing field work investigations and the development of national parks. This trip will address elements of each of these topics. We have organised a fieldtrip to a local section of the South Downs, going no further than Butts Brow. Students will walk from school to the section of the Downs that is the focus of this assessment. They will be accompanied at all times by members of staff.

Students should make their way to and from school as normal. As your child is participating in the afternoon session, he/ she will complete lessons as normal from 08.30 tutor time to 11:50pm. At the beginning of Period 4 they should register with their class teacher as normal and they will be collected from their classroom. There is no need to leave lesson early. They will return to school by 14.50pm in time for the school buses. As they will miss lunch, they should take a packed lunch that they can eat out on the trip. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate that on the permission slip below and this will be collected for them on the day.

On the day of the fieldwork your son/daughter must come to school in their school uniform; however appropriate footwear and jackets, sun cream or hats may be needed in light of the changeable weather conditions on the day. Please check the forecast for the day. This trip is a compulsory part of the Year 9 Geography course, and due to the low costs, there will be no charge.

The school holds a medical consent form on behalf of your child but if there have been any changes, please would you indicate on the permission slip so that we can update our records accordingly. Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at the Willingdon Community School. Therefore, the school reserves the right to cancel a student’s participation in a trip if behaviour /attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

Kindly complete the permission slip below and return it to your son/daughter’s Geography teacher as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Collins
Director of Learning for Humanities

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Student Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in this fieldtrip on Friday 8th November 2019

Free school meal required

Signed: Date:
(Parent/Carer)

Name: Please PRINT