

30 January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography Fieldtrip to Suffolk and Cambridge

There is a compulsory fieldwork element of the Geography course which is assessed through coursework accounting for 20% of the Geography A level. As discussed at options evening, to fulfil this element of the course, students will take part in compulsory fieldwork activities which will give them a real chance to practise Geographical techniques in the field and to collect information on both physical and human geography to enable them to complete their coursework unit. Students will have already completed a small amount of fieldwork to start to prepare them for their independent investigation. This two day residential and two non-residential days cover the remainder of the human and physical fieldwork requirements. During this trip students will gain invaluable fieldwork skills relating to methodologies and data collection which will be vital in giving them the expertise they need for their coursework. When we return they will be able to decide the focus of their coursework and how they will gather data for this. Students will be expected to complete their own data collection for their coursework over the summer holidays. A more detailed letter outlining the requirements for this will be sent nearer the time.

We will be staying in the YHA Hostel in Blaxhall. Key places we will be visiting to complete our fieldwork include; Aldeburgh and Southwold. We will leave on the 14 March at 9.00am and return on the 15 March at 3.30pm. A full itinerary and further information will be given to students nearer the time. They will then do two individual days at Cambridge to complete the Human aspect of the project leaving Bishops Stortford on the 9.17 train and returning for 17.58 each day.

The total cost of the trip is £179. We ask all parents to make this contribution to cover the cost of transport, activities, school costs and insurance. This can be paid using the ParentPay system or by cash/cheque payable to Birchwood High School on or before the 4 March 2019.

Please contact me directly on idiver@birchwoodhigh.org.uk if you have any concerns or questions about the visit. If students are entitled to a sixth form bursary they can also choose to pay using this fund. The trip cost covers accommodation, transport, insurance and meals (except lunch on the first day) and lunch whilst in Cambridge. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the first day and may want to bring pocket money for snacks and drinks whilst we are in Cambridge.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email or telephone at the school.

Yours sincerely

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A Level Residential Fieldtrip to Suffolk 14-15 March and Cambridge 18 and 19 March 2019

(Please hand to finance on or before the 4 March 2019)

Name of Student..... Form.....

I have chosen to pay £179 using Parent Pay

I have enclosed a cheque for £179 payable to Birchwood High School cash

I wish to pay using my student bursary

Signed.....Parent/Carer Date.....