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Dear Parent/Carer

### **A Level Geography Field Trip Amendment**

Due to unforeseen consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Field Studies Council have been forced to cancel our upcoming booking for Nettlecombe Court in Somerset. Consequently, I am now writing to you to inform you of the alternative itinerary that we have put together for this year's field trip.

We are now planning to run a one day field trip to the Sussex Coast on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This will involve investigating coastal processes and morphology in locations including Newhaven, Seaford and Birling Gap.

We will meet at Sackville School at 8.30am and return to Sackville by 5.00pm. There is no charge associated with this field trip, but students will require a packed lunch, or a small amount of money to buy food and drink during the day.

The next morning, at 8.00am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, we will depart for a three night field trip to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, returning to Sackville by 5.00pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021. Students will be investigating depositional landscapes, as well as identifying erosional landscapes on the spectacular Pembrokeshire coastline. They will also undertake an investigation into regeneration and sense of place in Port Talbot and Milford Haven. The trip itinerary will still include daytime and evening sessions and will be tailored specifically to help students succeed on the Edexcel A level geography course.

We will be staying at the following address:

YHA Manorbier  
Manorbier  
Tenby  
SA70 7TT

There is a charge of £195.00 for this field trip, which includes accommodation and full board. This represents a significantly lower cost than the planned field trip to Somerset, largely because the residential portion of the trip is for one night less than originally planned, and because the educational aspects of the trip will be run by the Sackville Geography Department, rather than the FSC's specialist fieldwork tutors. Therefore, students who had already paid more than £195.00 for the trip that was originally planned should receive a refund via the Scopay system. Students will only need money for incidental drinks and snacks for the duration of the field trip. If you find it difficult to meet this cost, you are invited to contact me in confidence to discuss this.

These two field trips will still provide students with the opportunity to:

- Collect data for their own independent investigation (which accounts for 20% of their final grade).
- Develop self-directed learning and research skills integral to the independent investigation.
- Develop confidence in quantitative, qualitative and fieldwork specific skills.



The field trip will be run by myself and will be accompanied by additional members of staff from the geography department. Transport for both field trip will be via school mini bus.

If you have not yet made payment towards the trip, all payments should be made via the school online payment system by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Of course, the full balance can be paid at any time before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

**Important:** Please note that when you log on to make your first payment there will be a consent box. By ticking this, you are giving permission for your child to take part in the trip. This process will also open a comments box giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Your child's place will only be reserved once the deposit payment has been made and the consent box ticked.

Whilst we expect this fieldtrip to run as outlined in this letter, due the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, there is obviously a chance that it may need to be re-arranged or cancelled prior to our departure. Please be assured that we will withhold payment to the Youth Hostel Association for as long as we are able, to prevent the need to process insurance claims in the event of a cancellation.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex county Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at <https://Sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/>.

If you have any questions please contact me at [mjohnson@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:mjohnson@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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**Curriculum Leader of Geography**