



28th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography Field Trip:

Thursday 21st April 2022 – Sussex Coast

Friday 22nd to Monday 25th April 2022 – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

On Thursday 21st April we will have a day trip to visit the Sussex coast to investigate coastal processes and geomorphology at locations including Newhaven, Seaford and Birling Gap. We will meet at Sackville School at 8.30am and depart via school minibus. Students will require a packed lunch, or a small amount of money to buy food and drink during the day. We will return to Sackville by 5.00pm so that students spend the night at home.

The next morning, Friday 22nd April at 8.00am, we will depart for a three night field trip to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, returning to Sackville by 5.00pm on Monday 25th April. 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 Tenby.

We will be staying at the following address:

YHA Manorbier
Manorbier
Tenby
SA70 7TT

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. Students will be provided 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. All transport will be via school mini bus.

There is a charge of £195.00 for this field trip, which includes accommodation and full board.

Below is a suggested payment plan to spread the cost of the field trip.

Date	Amount Due
Friday 4 th February 2022	£65.00 (Deposit)
Friday 4 th March 2020	£65.00
Friday 1 st April 2020	£65.00

All payments should be made via the school online payment system by Friday 1st April 2022. Of course, the full balance can be paid at any time before Friday 1st April 2022.

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.

We expect this field trip to run as outlined in this letter, due to 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/>. **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school trip.**

Whilst attendance on the field trip is technically optional, it is an integral part of the course and is the most effective option for students to develop their field work skills and collect data for their independent investigation. Students not attending will be supported with guidance on how to conduct their own independent field work in their own time.

If you have any questions please contact me at mjohnson@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Johnson
Curriculum Leader of Geography