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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography Field Trip to Somerset

The residential geography field trip to Somerset runs from Thursday 28th October to Monday 1st November 2021.

We will be staying at the Fieldwork Studies Council's Nettlecombe Court, which is located near to Taunton in Somerset. The trip has a very full itinerary, including daytime and evening sessions and is tailored specifically to help students succeed on the Edexcel A level geography course.

The students will benefit from the expertise of the FSC's field tutors and will be conducting fieldwork in a variety of settings, including investigating coastal processes at Porlock Bay, coastal management and regeneration in Minehead and community cohesion in Watchet.

Further information on the venue can be found online at <https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/nettlecombecourt/>

Students will be given the opportunity to:

- Complete 3 days of the exam boards fieldwork requirement within inspiring physical and human environments.
- Give students the opportunity 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. The cost of the trip is £395.00, which will cover the cost of the visit including full board accommodation, transport and tuition. Therefore, 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.

The cost can be paid in instalments as follows:-

Amount	Date
£95.00	Friday 4 th June 2021
£100.00	Friday 2 nd July 2021
£100.00	Friday 3 rd September 2021
£100.00	Friday 1 st October 2021



All payments should be made via the school online payment system by Friday 1st October 2021. Of course, the full balance can be paid at any time before Friday 1st 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 Fieldwork Studies Council 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.

Yours sincerely

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Curriculum Leader of Geography