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October 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

### AS Geography Field Trip - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

I am pleased to contact you regarding the above trip which is always a valuable and enjoyable experience for A level geographers. Student feedback reveals that this week is a memorable experience that enriches learning and provides a necessary practical element of the course. This will be a two centre trip; the first part in Pembrokeshire and the second around Aberystwyth. These areas provide a variety of human and physical landscapes which are well suited to AS geographical study.

The field trip will be run by myself and will be accompanied by additional members of staff from the geography department as well as a female member of staff. Students will follow a rigorous fieldwork programme including a river study, sand dune transect and a coastal study. There will also be two urban studies and a visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology. There will also be evening study sessions where students are prepared for the geographical skills paper that they sit in the summer. For these reasons, while participation in the course is technically optional, it is **strongly recommended** as it is an opportunity to bring the class taught geography to life and is tailored specifically to helping students succeed in their summer exams. We will of course cover the necessary material in lessons as well.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £235 which will cover the cost of the visit including transport and other incidental costs. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at [http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page\\_id=26728](http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page_id=26728). If you find it difficult to meet this cost, you are invited to contact me in confidence to discuss whether it is possible to reach some mutual arrangement.

The cost can be paid in instalments as detailed below. Can I kindly request that the slip below is completed and returned directly to the finance office. Payment can be made either via the online payment system or by cheque, payable to Sackville School, by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Of course, the full balance can be paid at any time before 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
Deposit	£85	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Second Instalment	£75	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
Final Balance	£75	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2016

Accommodation will be **full board** at the following locations, so students will only need money for incidental drinks and snacks for the week.

<b>Claremont House</b> St Brides Hill Saundersfoot Pembrokeshire SA69 9NP Tel: 01834 813231 Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Plas Dolau</b> Lovesgrove Aberystwyth Dyfed SY23 3HP Tel: 01970 617834 Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
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Yours sincerely

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To: Finance Office

**AS Geography Field Trip 2016**

Name of student ..... Form .....

I give permission for my child to take part in the AS geography field trip from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

I have forwarded payment to Sackville School via the online payment system for the deposit of £85/I enclose a cheque, made payable to Sackville School, for the deposit of £85 (please delete as appropriate).

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