



13 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE Geography Residential Field Trip to South Wales – Saturday 8 July – Monday 10 July 2023

It will not be long until we embark on our trip to Wales to collect primary river data to use in the field work questions in the year 11 geography exams.

Students will need to be at school by **7.30am on Saturday 8 July 2023** and we aim to return by **6.00pm on Monday 10 July 2023** subject to traffic conditions.

Students will be staying in fully catered accommodation at Swansea University, so all breakfasts and evening meals, as well as a packed lunch for the Sunday are included in the cost of the trip. Therefore, students will need to bring a packed lunch on Saturday 8 June, as well as a small amount of money to purchase lunch as we stop on our return to East Grinstead on Monday 10 July 2023.

The field work will be carried out along the course of the River Taff from its source in the Brecon Beacons National Park to the mouth in Cardiff.

A full **kit list** is attached to this letter. All items are highly recommended or essential but I must draw your attention to an important safety consideration. As students will be walking on uneven ground and getting into the river (where it is safe to do so) it is important that in order to be able to go into the river at least two different kinds of footwear are packed for the trip:

- a pair of sturdy walking boots or trainers is essential (no ballet-style pumps or canvas trainers)
- a pair of old trainers or wet-shoes for getting into the river (students cannot enter the river barefoot or in flip-flops)

Also please bear in mind that the weather can be very changeable in the Welsh hills. It is very important that students are prepared for all conditions, hot, cold, wet, dry and everything in between!

I would remind you that expensive items (phones, cameras, laptops etc) are not insured and so the recommendation is that they are left at home unless covered by your own insurance. It is also requested that students do not bring portable speaker systems on the trip, and instead listen to music using headphones or airpods.

Any remaining payments for the trip should be made directly via the online payment system.

Please could I also ask that you fill out the form [HERE](#), to advise us of any medical conditions or dietary requirements.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gerretsen
Teacher of Geography and Leader Organiser





Sackville Geography Department

GCSE Fieldwork Kit List (essentials and recommendations)

Waterproof coat - essential

Waterproof trousers - recommended

Warm trousers - not jeans as these absorb water and become heavy and difficult to dry in wet conditions - essential

Warm coat or fleece - essential

Warm base layer/T-shirts - essential

Walking boots/sturdy footwear - these should have plenty of tread on the sole and should be fairly waterproof - essential

Walking socks - one pair - essential, two pairs - recommended

Wet shoes or Wellington boots - for wading in rivers - recommended

Warm gloves and hat - essential

Sunhat, sunglasses, sun cream - essential, **insect repellent** - recommended

A small day rucksack (25 litres) - essential

Fieldwork notebook - recommended

Stationery (pens!) - essential

Individual medication with clear instructions - make sure staff are aware of any medical issues - essential

Watch - recommended

Packed lunch for the first day + snacks. - essential

Small amount of money for lunch/snacks on Monday - essential

Hand sanitiser - recommended

Old clothes for fieldwork - essential

Casual clothes for the evenings - recommended!

Toiletries - essential

Towel - essential

Entertainment (cards, books, footballs, Frisbees etc.) - recommended

Enthusiasm (compulsory!)

*** If you have any questions about the list, please contact Mr Gerretsen
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