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ROYAL ALEXANDRA & ALBERT SCHOOL



Swanage Geography Fieldtrip Year 10 GCSE (current Year 9)

Dear Parents

Your child may have chosen Geography as a GCSE option.

Each year we take the Year 10 geographers to Swanage is planned to take place MONDAY 8th – WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2021. The cost of this trip is £175 (If he/she is not able to study this subject, we will of course, refund in full), but this usually covers the other one-day trips at GCSE - likely to be London and Worthing. If there is still a ban on residential fieldwork or the Covid risk is still high, we will need to postpone. This fieldwork is a requirement of the syllabus.

As you may be aware, the Geographical Skills paper is worth 40% of the overall grade and the People of the UK paper is worth 30%. We will be running our annual fieldtrip to Swanage to prepare pupils for this exam.

There will be three full days of activities. The purpose is to provide case study material and teach the full range of fieldwork techniques. The exam will also ask about a specific piece of fieldwork; students usually focus on the one-day trips for this element

1. What evidence is there of longshore drift at Durdle Door?
2. How has geology shaped the coastline along the Jurassic coast?
3. How successful is the regeneration of Poole?
4. How does the Swan Brook change downstream?
5. How has counter-urbanisation affected the Isle of Purbeck?

I have booked Swanage Youth Hostel which we have used successfully for a number of years. The cost covers all meals, transport, accommodation and entrance fees.

A deposit of £75 is required by the half term, and the final payment of £100 is due by 10th September 2021. Alternatively, the whole sum can be paid immediately. New students do not have active Wisepay accounts. If you wish to pay for this trip, please call 01737 649219 to make payment. By making payment, you have given your consent for your child to attend this trip.

Cancellation of trips Refund Policy: Refunds cannot be issued if costs have already been incurred. If more than one week's notice is given, and if we are able to resell the place, a refund will be given but an administration charge will be deducted.

If a refund is £50 or more, the refund will be made to the parents by cheque. If it is less than £50, it will be refunded to the child's pocket money account in their boarding house. The refunds to the boarding houses will be done at regular intervals.

Best wishes

Anne Vaughan
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