

10 May 2023

Dear parent/ carer

GCSE Geography Fieldwork – Swanage

As part of the GCSE Geography course, your child must complete a fieldtrip covering both human and physical aspects of Geography. The information they gain from this visit will be used later in Paper 3 of their final Geography exams in Year 11, which is worth 33% of their final grade. This is therefore an essential part of the course and every Year 10 Geography student is expected to attend. Students will prepare for their fieldwork in lessons, prior to the visit, and complete data analysis and an evaluation of their fieldwork in lessons afterwards.

Your child will be invited on **ONE** of the following days:

- **Tuesday 13 June** – 10X/Ge1 - Miss Soares
- **Wednesday 14 June** – 10Z/Ge1 - Miss Soares AND 10Z/Ge1 – Mr James
- **Thursday 15 June** – 10X/Ge2 – Mr James AND 10W/Ge1 – Mrs Valleley

Students must report to D4 at 8.15am for prompt departure at 8.30am. Students will be travelling by coach from the school. Our anticipated return time to school is 5.00pm. We ask that parents are flexible with this return time in the event of traffic on the return journey; we will keep parents updated through the school social media accounts of any significant changes to the anticipated return time.

The programme of the day is outlined below:

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| 8.15am | Arrive to D4 (Durban) |
| 8.30am | Depart from The Hamble School |
| 10.30am | Arrive at Swanage Bay, Dorset |
| 10.30am | Introduction / Preparation and Risk Assessment |
| 11.00am | Students Complete the Physical Fieldwork |
| 12.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.00pm | Students Complete the Human Fieldwork |
| 2.30pm | Evaluation / Review |
| 3.00pm | Depart Swanage Bay, Dorset |
| 5.00pm | Arrive at The Hamble School |

The cost of the trip is **£25**, which will cover the cost of the coach transport to and from Swanage.

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Students will need to bring either a packed lunch or money to buy lunch in Swanage and a refillable water bottle. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, this will be provided for them on the day.

As the weather can be unpredictable, and the students will be working on the beach, students are expected to wear weather-appropriate clothing (including waterproof clothing and sun protection as necessary) for this visit – school uniform is not required. Similarly, we expect students to wear appropriate footwear for the day, which they don't mind getting sandy. Should students arrive to school in inappropriate clothing, your child may not be permitted to take part in the visit.

For your child to participate in this essential element of their Geography curriculum, please complete both the digital consent form sent via EVOLVE and payment via your child's Scopay account. Alternatively, you can return your reply slip with cash (exact amount only) or cheque made payable to The Hamble School by **Friday 26 May**, to secure your child's place on this visit.

Should you wish to discuss this opportunity further, please contact me via general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Miss R Soares

Geography Coordinator

Please return to **Finance Office** by Friday 26 May 2022

Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Swanage

☐ I have included Cash payment of £25 (exact amount only)

Students Name _____ Tutor Group _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date _____

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.