

23 February 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 11 Rivers Geography Fieldtrip – March 2026

As part of the GCSE Geography course, it is a requirement for all students to complete geography fieldwork. Their fieldwork skills and knowledge are then assessed in an exam paper at the end of Year 11, which is worth 30% of the final grade.

Aim:

To conduct a Geography enquiry by collecting primary data for the rivers fieldwork component of the GCSE Geography examination. We have arranged a trip to the New Forest to investigate the river processes of Highland Water.

Date: Wednesday 11 March

Times: Students must arrive promptly and register at 8:25am in D4. The trip will begin at 8:30am, within the school day, and will return in time for lunch at 1:20pm.

Transport: Coach travel to the New Forest

Contribution: £12.50

Important Information

Students need to wear suitable outdoor clothing and must be prepared to wade in a shallow stream. High-sided wellies to change into are recommended, or wet-shoes are also acceptable.

As the weather may be unpredictable, students should check the forecast the day before and ensure they bring appropriate items such as a coat, sunscreen, and a change of clothing if not wearing waterproofs.

Due to the nature of the trip and the risks associated with entering shallow water, excellent behaviour is essential. Students will be representing The Hamble School and must follow the school rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

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Staff must be able to trust that students will follow instructions the first time. Student attendance and behaviour will therefore be reviewed prior to travel, and if there are any concerns, students may not be permitted to attend.

Please pay the contribution via ScoPay and complete the EVOLVE consent form by **Monday 2 March 2026**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Bailey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss T Bailey
Raising Standards Lead - Humanities

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.