



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Geography GCSE Fieldwork to Clapham Beck (with FSC Malham) Thursday 7 October OR Friday 8 October 2021

On Thursday 7 October or Friday 8 October, the Geography GCSE students will be undertaking some Geography fieldwork at Clapham Beck in the Yorkshire Dales. The fieldwork undertaken will support the in-class learning students have done on the 'rivers' topic, and provide them with the skills needed to confidently respond to questions about fieldwork in Paper 3.

Pupils will depart school at 07:30, please arrive at school at 07:20. We will travel to and from Clapham by coach. At Clapham, students will complete a river study which will involve taking measurements at a number of sites along the river to understand how the rivers processes and features change. Students will work in small groups along the river under the supervision of staff from school and from the Field Studies Council.

Pupils must wear sensible outdoor clothes for the day as they will be outside all day. They should wear warm, comfortable and quick drying clothes (no denim/jeans). A hat and gloves are recommended. Additional layers and a packed lunch and drinks should be packed into a small rucksack/bag that they can carry easily.

Whilst on the trip all students must wear wellies, and have with them a full set of waterproofs. Students who own these pieces of clothing, or are able to borrow them from someone at home, are encouraged to do this. Class teachers will ask students in the coming weeks if anyone needs to borrow any of these items and we will arrange for these to be available on the day. If there is any doubt about the suitability, fit or availability of these items from home, please ask your child to request to borrow items that may be needed.

We strongly recommend that students do not bring any valuables, including mobiles. as there is no secure storage and in case of bad weather, they are likely to get wet and damaged.

	Thursday 7 October 2021	Friday 8 October 2021
Geography Group (and teacher)	11YG1/Gg (20/21) Miss Miller	11XG1/Gg (20/21) Mrs Robinson
Note: Miss Miller teaches two classes. Please check your class code on your timetable.	11ZG1/Gg (20/21) Mrs Lennox	11XG2/Gg (20/21) Miss Miller
	11ZG2/Gg (20/21) Mrs Stone	11YG2/Gg (20/21) Mr Cleminson

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We plan to leave Clapham at 16:45 and hope to return to school between 17:15-17:30. Please note students will have to arrange their own way home and we are unable to drop students off on-route.

The cost of the trip is £40.00 and payment can be made now on your ParentPay account. Consent for the trip is required online and by ticking this box on ParentPay, you are agreeing to your child taking part in the trip and the cost of £40.00 for the course and coach to Clapham. Please note the **deadline for payment and consent is Friday 24 September 2021.**

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip staff are acting in loco parentis just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip, the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the well-being of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands *before* accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, Head of Year and Senior Staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers please ensure that they bring them on the trip, otherwise we will be unable to take them.

Regards

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