



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

January 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP Thursday 13 March 2025**

We are running our second day of fieldwork for Y12 Geography students on Thursday 13 March 2025. Fieldwork is a **compulsory** aspect of the A-level Geography course, and all students must participate in at least 4-days of fieldwork. One of these days has already been completed on our trip to the East Coast, in October, the 2nd day will be to Leeds in March and the final two days, where students will collect their data for the Independent Investigation (NEA), **Dates To be confirmed.** Students are expected to participate in all four trips.

This NEA (non-Examined Assessment) is worth 20% of A-level Geography; planning and writing this piece will be a core activity in lessons between June and September, and something students should be working on over the summer.

The details of the trip to Leeds can be found below and I will be in touch again before Easter with details of the data collection trips to follow in June. The location for the trip in June that your child will attend, depends on the title they choose for their Independent Investigation. Trips will include opportunities to collect data for both physical and human Geography titles, and once we have finalised the locations and details, the options will be discussed in class, with all students.

### **TIMETABLE FOR VISIT**

	<b>All students</b>
Wednesday 13 March 2023	Depart <b>St Aidan's</b> at <b>08:45</b> and travel by coach to Leeds. <b>Money to buy lunch in Leeds or packed lunch. Please do not pack any nuts or products containing nuts.</b> Return to school for <b>15:20</b> in time for school buses.

We are asking you to make a voluntary contribution of £12.00 by Friday 14 February 2025, towards the cost of the trip. The item is available on your Parentpay account now. The cost of the trip covers transport costs and a guided tour by Dr Rachael Unsworth, an academic specialising in the regeneration of the South Bank, in Leeds

Please note the trip is not available on the St John Fisher's Parentpay. If you require an activation code for the St Aidans' Parentpay, please email [parentpay@staidans.co.uk](mailto:parentpay@staidans.co.uk) . It is important to include your child's name in the email.

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Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online you are agreeing to your child taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that their medical details are up to date.

The medical details and emergency contacts that we hold at school for your child will be used for all four fieldwork trips and this information is taken from the form you completed when your child entered the Associate Sixth Form. Therefore, if there are any changes over the course of this year, you must inform both myself (a.lennox@staidans.co.uk and the school nurse (medicalroom@staidans.co.uk) as it is vitally important that we have up to date medical details for all students going out of school on trips. We will not be able to take any student that we do not hold this information for.

If your child's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers, please ensure that they bring them on all fieldwork occasions; otherwise again, we will be unable to take them.

We will be outside for most of the fieldwork. Students therefore need to arrive at school suitably dressed in warm clothes, waterproofs and sensible sturdy footwear. Students need to bring a clipboard if they have one and full writing equipment (pen, pencil and ruler) and a packed lunch if they wish.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at the Associated Sixth Form. Please help us by reinforcing to your child our expectations on behaviour in order that each student can gain the maximum out of the trip. If we have any concerns about a student's participation on this trip in the time between now and the date of departure, we reserve the right to withdraw the student's place.

Should you have any queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Mrs C Robinson  
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St Aidan's High School

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