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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork 2024

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for a Geography field course, comprising a day trip and a residential trip, that has been organised for A Level Geography students at Hitchin Girls' School. The fieldwork delivers the required skills and content for students to complete their individual investigation which comprises 20% of the qualification. The trips which make up the course include:

1. Friday, 15 March - King's Cross, London
2. Wednesday, 17 – Friday, 19 April - Residential to Norwich & Southwold

The total cost of the course will be £333. This includes full board, tuition by HGS Geography staff, transport (by train to London and coach to Norwich) and insurance. We are asking for an initial payment of £133 to be paid by **Friday, 19 January** and the balance of £200 by **Thursday, 29 February**. Payment should be made via the on-line ParentPay facility at www.parentpay.co.uk.

We would not want any child to miss out on this opportunity and, therefore, if you are experiencing financial hardship at this time please do contact finance@hgs.herts.sch.uk for further information on how we can support your family with this trip.

Please complete the attached health form and return it by Friday, 19 January. This can be a paper copy or it can be emailed to richard.sutton@hgs.herts.sch.uk. It is important that any medical issues or dietary requirements are fully detailed on this form so that the caterers can be advised accordingly. The form will cover both trips – any updates or amendments should be notified to Mr Sutton directly.

On Friday, 15 March, students will be spending the day conducting fieldwork in and around the King's Cross area. They will be investigating the impact of the regeneration project on the level of deprivation in the area. Students will be provided with an exemplar Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) written by us which they will contribute to throughout the day and in follow-up lessons. This will then act as a model for them as they complete their own investigations. Students should meet in W97 at 8.30am. We will be travelling by train to London St. Pancras and will return to Hitchin Station at 3.20pm. Students should bring a packed lunch with them (no glass bottles or items containing nuts please) and dress appropriately for being outside all day.

A further letter with arrangements for the residential trip will be sent closer to departure. During this trip, students will be conducting various fieldwork enquiries covering aspects of the Water and Carbon Cycles topic, Coastal geography and will also explore concepts from Human geography and the Changing Places and Urban



Environments topics. We will be focussing on developing fieldwork skills so that students feel confident choosing a topic for their own NEA investigation and methods that they could use to collect their own data. Students will work on choosing their NEA title in the Summer term and will then need to use at least one day of their Summer break for collecting data.

We hope that these field trips offer an exciting opportunity to study Geography in context and that you can support your child's Geography education by allowing them to take part in these visits. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require any further information about this trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Sutton
Head of Geography