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Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO SHERINGHAM: 23 - 24 September 2024 (Mr Sutton's and Mrs Hone's classes)

The Geography department is planning to take all current Year 10 students studying GCSE Geography on an overnight visit to Sheringham, Norfolk. Mr Sutton's and Mrs Hone's classes will go on Monday, 23 September, returning Tuesday, 24 September 2024 (when they will be in Year 11). The purpose of the visit is to carry out the compulsory fieldwork elements of the GCSE course. This is equivalent to 15% of their GCSE and, therefore, it is **essential** that all students attend.

The cost of this trip is £120 which includes all travel by coach, all meals (Day 1 dinner to Day 2 lunch), accommodation (students will be staying at Sheringham Youth Hostel) and insurance. A non-refundable deposit of £60 needs to be paid by Friday, 22 March 2024 with the balance of £60 due by Monday, 3 June 2024. Payment should be made via the on-line ParentPay facility at www.parentpay.co.uk. 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 print and complete the attached consent form; alternatively, it can be completed electronically and 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 I can advise the youth hostel accordingly.

In addition, students will also have the opportunity to purchase a trip hoodie if they wish. These will be available direct from Beat School Uniform. Further details regarding the purchase of these hoodies will be shared in the New Year.

Students should be in school at normal time on Monday, 23 September, but should register under the arches ready for a prompt departure. We shall return to school at approximately 5pm on Tuesday, 24 September. We are travelling by coach and students should bring a packed lunch (no glass bottles or items containing nuts). Whilst in Sheringham, students will have some free time, so they might want a small amount of spending money. A kit list is attached; no specialist equipment is required. Further details will be sent out at the start of the new academic year about the trip.

This is an exciting opportunity to study Geography in the field and we hope you can support your child's Geography education by allowing them to take part in this visit. 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



Kit List for Geography Fieldtrip to Sheringham

Towel and wash kit (please try not to bring aerosol sprays as these can set off the fire alarms!)

Underwear

Pyjamas

Socks

Layered clothing – it can be cooler and quite windy along the coast

Waterproof coat

Clipboard

Suitable bag/rucksack for fieldwork (large enough for extra layers, lunch, clipboard etc.)

Lunch box (to prevent squashed sandwiches!)

Drinks bottle

Pencil case to include: Pens, pencils, scientific calculator, coloured pencils/pens, highlighter, ruler, rubber, sharpener.

All items should be packed in ONE small bag/case per student – which you will be expected to carry!