



2 October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Slapton Ley Geography Trip

The geography department are planning a fieldtrip to Slapton Ley on the stunning coast of Devon. We believe that fieldwork and experiencing geography first hand plays an important part in enhancing students' experience of the subject. This trip is particularly aimed at preparing for the fieldwork paper they will be completing next summer; the trip will help students to develop their practical fieldwork skills. The field trip should also improve students' understanding of many of the concepts that will be assessed in the physical geography exam.

The trip will run from Friday 29 March until Monday 1 April 2019. Students will be based at a Field Studies Centre and complete fieldwork and practical activities in the surrounding area. The fieldwork will include in depth coastal and urban studies and a river investigation in the Dartmoor area. While this trip is not an essential requirement of the GCSE course, it will really benefit the students who take part and we would like as many of our GCSE geographers to attend as possible. I've often found that trips like this can inspire students to later take geography on to a higher level beyond GCSE level. Very importantly, the trip should be a lot of fun too and a source of great memories in the future.

For more information about the centre and the area, please follow this link:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/slapton/slaptonley.aspx>

The cost of the trip will be £385 covering transport, accommodation and all meals except for the journey to Slapton Ley. If you would like your child to attend we will initially require a deposit of £85 this can be made **online at ParentMail +Pay**, or alternatively by cheque (payable to **Acer Trust**) or cash, to be returned along with the next of kin form to the Finance Office by **31 October 2018. (Please be aware if you are paying by ParentMail +Pay you will still need to return the next of kin form).**

If you are, at present, experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance towards the cost of the trip, please make a written request to Mr Hunter, Headteacher, by **Monday 29 October 2018.**

Please note all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead, and if a pupil withdraws within 12 weeks of the trip, they will still be liable for the full payment of £385.

Payments are divided for your convenience as follows:

£85 - Deposit due 31 October 2018
£100 - due Friday 30 November 2018
£100 - due Thursday 31 January 2019
£100 - due Thursday 28 February 2019

Should you have any further questions about this trip, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on:
daniel.moden@ickniel.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Moden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Moden
Head of Geography