

10 September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Geography & Mathematics Fieldtrip to the River Pang

October 2018

Year 9 geography and mathematics students will be taking part in a fieldtrip during Term 1 as part of their rivers topic. This will involve a half-day trip to the River Pang which flows from Compton in the Berkshire Downs to where it joins the River Thames at Pangbourne. During this trip they will be collecting a range of fieldwork data including river velocity, depth and width. The data will be used back at school in a joint data-handling project between geography and maths.

The trip will take place on the following date (your child will have circled the appropriate class):

Maths Class	Date of Trip
9ma1a	Tuesday 16 th October (morning)
9ma1b	Tuesday 16 th October (afternoon)
9ma2a	Wednesday 17 th October (morning)
9ma2b	Wednesday 17 th October (afternoon)
9ma3a	Thursday 18 th October (morning)
9ma3b	Thursday 18 th October (afternoon)
9ma4a	Friday 19 th October (morning)

The morning trips will be leaving the school at 8.45am, travelling to the River Pang by minibus, and returning at 12.15pm. The afternoon groups will be leaving the school at 12.30pm and returning at 3.25pm in time to catch the buses.

Students will not be expected to wear school uniform for the trip. The students will spend all their time outside and should ensure that they wear appropriate clothing (including bringing waterproofs). As they will be going into the river (which is below welly height in depth) they should bring wellington boots if they have them or an old pair of trainers. They should also bring another pair of shoes to change into at the end of the trip.

The cost of the trip has been calculated on the basis that each student taking part is prepared to make a voluntary contribution of £12.00. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the trip will not be able to run. The cost covers travel, staffing, fieldwork equipment and insurance.

If appropriate, application can be made to Henley Educational Trust for help with the cost of this trip – if you wish to make an application, please contact the finance office by Monday 17 September to arrange this and note on the reply slip below that you are applying to HET for financial support. HET

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like families to make a small contribution of at least £5 towards day trips. Please do not delay in responding by the deadline whilst you are waiting to hear from HET or you may miss out.

This data collection will contribute to work at GCSE so it is important as many students as possible take part. Please complete and return the attached permission slip along with your payment for £12.00 (cheques should be made payable to 'Gillotts School' with your child's name and tutor group on the reverse) to Student Services **by Friday 21 September**. Please also complete and return the attached Consent and Information form.

Yours faithfully

E. J. Newbold

Dr E.J.Newbold
(Deputy Headteacher and geography teacher)

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Reply Slip

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Please return to Student Services by Friday 21 September

I give permission for my son/daughter _____

Tutor group _____ to take part in the River Pang fieldtrip on _____.

I enclose cash/ cheque for £12.00

OR (please delete as appropriate)

I enclose £5 and have contacted the Finance Department about assistance from Henley Educational Trust.

I enclose the completed Consent and Information form.

Signed _____ (parent/guardian) Date _____

Please print name _____