

18 September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip to the River Pang

October 2018

As part of their GCSE Geography course, all students are required to complete two pieces of fieldwork. Your child will be completing their Human geography fieldwork when they visit Bristol early next month. However, the second piece of fieldwork was completed by most of our current Year 11 students when they were in Year 9. As your child has joined our school since then, s/he will need to complete this piece of fieldwork.

We are therefore planning to take a small number of Year 11 students on 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 trip will take place on Thursday 18th October. They 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 (HET) for help with the cost of this trip – if you wish to make an application, please contact the finance office by Friday 21st September to arrange this and note on the reply slip below that you are applying to HET for financial support.

HET 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.

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 Monday 24th September**. Please also complete and return the attached Consent and Information form.

Yours Faithfully,



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 Monday 24th September.

I give permission for my son/daughter _____

Tutor group _____ to take part in the Year 11 River Pang fieldtrip on Thursday 18th October.

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.

Full Name (Please Print): _____

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Date : _____