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Dear Parent/Guardian

The geography department run an annual residential fieldtrip for students interested in GCSE geography at Patterdale Hall in the Lake District. This allows students to engage with a geography curriculum in the field and to experience a range of topics which they will encounter if they study this subject at GCSE level and beyond. It also allows students to develop fieldwork skills which are an integral part of the paper 3 exam at GCSE and A level. In addition to this, they would also have the opportunity to take part in some outdoor activities, team building and study skills which will benefit them in a range of other curriculum areas. This will also assist your son/daughter in making their final choices for their subjects to carry forward at GCSE.

The residential fieldwork visit will depart from school at approximately 9.30am on Wednesday 14 February and return to school by 4.30pm on Friday 16 February. The total cost of this visit will be £190. This cost includes all accommodation and food, transport to and from Patterdale Hall, and activities which will be led by fully qualified instructors. No outdoor equipment is needed as waterproof clothing, walking boots etc can all be hired free of charge from the centre.

Unfortunately, we are limited with numbers on this field visit and therefore as a result in the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated to students with a genuine and keen interest in studying geography at GCSE level. Only students with good behaviour records in school will be allowed to attend.

The proposed activities program is attached for information, please note that due to staffing ratios, **all students will need to be willing to take part in all aspects of the program.**

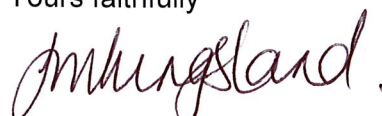
If you would like your child to take part in this field visit, please complete and return the attached consent form by Friday 6 October. A deposit of £50 will also be required by this date via SOCOPAY. Payment instalment details are as follows:

£50.00	06-Oct
£50.00	03-Nov
£50.00	01-Dec
£40.00	05-Jan

**Please note: once your child's place is confirmed on the trip, the deposit will become non-refundable, and you may be liable for the full payment should you choose to withdraw. Your child's place on this trip is also at risk if the payment plan is not adhered to.**

If you have any questions regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs J Kingsland**  
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