

JKI/LC

19 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

In Year 8, students are asked to choose which subjects they would like to continue at GCSE level the following year. Preliminary discussions have been held in some subjects regarding option choices and your son/daughter has expressed an interest in continuing their study of Geography at GCSE level.

The Geography department intends to run a residential field trip for some of the students interested in GCSE Geography to Patterdale Hall in the Lake District. This would allow students to engage with a Geography curriculum in the field to experience a range of topics which they will encounter if they study this subject at GCSE level and beyond. In addition to this, students will also have an 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 school at approximately 8.30am on Wednesday 12 February and return to school by 4.00pm on Friday 14 February. As we have managed to secure some funding for this visit, the total cost will not exceed £140.00. This cost includes all accommodation and food, transport to and from Patterdale Hall and any 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 can only take a maximum of 40 students on the visit. 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. A good behaviour record in school is also required.

If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the reply slip and consent form by Monday 7 October. The deposit of £40.00 is required by Monday 7 October.

The payment plan is as follows:

Deposit	£40.00	07.10.19
1 st payment	£40.00	04.11.19
2 nd payment	£30.00	02.12.19
3 rd payment	£30.00	06.01.20

Payments are expected to be made online, however cash/cheque payments can be made in school if necessary. Cheques are to be made payable to 'North East Learning Trust'. If you have not yet registered for ScoPay, please request an online access letter from the finance department at the school.

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 the visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Kingsland
Subject Leader of Geography

Complete and return to Mrs J Kingsland.

Field trip to Patterdale Hall from Wednesday 12 February – Friday 14 February.

I enclose payment of £40.00 (cash / cheque) ☐

cheques are to be made payable to 'North East Learning Trust'.

I have paid online. ☐ Transaction ID.....

Student Name..... Tutor Group.....

Parent/Guardian Signature.....

Date.....