

JKI/LC

8 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am really pleased to inform you of the positive start that your child has made to the GCSE Geography course. In light of this, I wish to share the opportunities with them which can be bought from, learning Geography outside the classroom.

The Geography department intends to run a residential fieldtrip for some of the students interested in GCSE Geography in Year 8, but also for some existing students in Year 9 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 when studying this subject at GCSE level and beyond. In addition to this, students will 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.

Students will depart school at approximately 8.30am on Wednesday 12 February and return at approximately 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 this field visit, as a result in the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated to students with a genuine and keen interest in learning the fieldwork techniques and studying Geography in this context. A good behaviour record in school is also required.

If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the attached consent form to Mrs Kingsland. The deposit of £40.00 is required by Monday 14 October. Please ensure the reply slip attached is completed and returned, along with the deposit (or alternatively, if you have paid online, the transaction ID stated) by the payment deadline date stated above.

The payment plan is as follows:

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| Deposit | £40.00 | 14.10.19 |
| 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 this visit, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Kingsland
Subject Leader of Geography

Complete and return to the main office.

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.....