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Dear Parent / Carer

## **GCSE Geography Fieldwork – Oxford & Swanage**

As part of our GCSE Geography course, the Examination Board requires that the school offers students the opportunity to gain direct experience of undertaking both human and physical geography fieldwork away from the classroom. The data collected will then support your son / daughter with the GCSE Paper 1 and Paper 3 examinations. Although this trip is not compulsory, we do suggest that your child attends.

### **Oxford – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

The geography department have arranged a fieldtrip visit to **Oxford on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**. During our visit, we will participate in group work to collect primary fieldwork data in and around the central area of Oxford. The students will gain valuable experience in fieldwork and enquiry techniques essential for success at GCSE and beyond. They will work independently in small groups in the city centre of Oxford checking in regularly with their geography teacher and other members of the Great Marlow School staff.

**The Oxford trip requires us to depart from Great Marlow School at 9.00 and the estimated return time is 15.00.**

### **Swanage – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

There will then be a second trip - to Swanage - on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. Whilst there, we will carry out fieldwork along the spectacular Jurassic Coast. We will be visiting Swanage Beach, Old Harry Rocks and Studland Beach. The students will work in small groups under the direct supervision of their geography teacher and other members of the Great Marlow School staff.

**The Swanage trip requires us to depart from Great Marlow School at 6.00 and the estimated return time is 18.00.**

### **Expectations**

Students will be expected to catch up on work missed in any other lessons. We aim for the trips to be inclusive of all students, so we will try to accommodate all medical / special / other needs as far as is possible. It goes without saying that we expect the highest standards of personal behaviour throughout, and sanctions will apply if this is not the case.

If you would like your son / daughter to attend these trips, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £45. This primarily covers the cost of return coach travel, equipment, and insurance across both trips. As these fieldtrips are designed to enhance the curriculum, all students will be included regardless of ability to pay, but **if insufficient contributions are received, they will have to be cancelled**. This would present significant challenges in terms of completing the required course content.

**Please would you log on to WisePay to complete the MS Consent Form and pay any voluntary contribution for these trips by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We ask for your support in meeting this deadline.**

The MS Consent Form and payment link cover both trips. No student can attend either trip without parent / carer completion of the MS Consent Form.

Details of clothing and equipment requirements etc will follow in due course. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main school office. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs N Messenger  
Head of Geography