



25th November 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

A Level Geography fieldtrip – Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire

As part of our A Level Geography course, it is required by the examination board that students gain first-hand experience of undertaking fieldwork away from the classroom. All students must complete an individual investigation NEA (piece of coursework) worth 20% of their final mark. **Whilst attendance on a fieldtrip is not compulsory, experience has shown that those who are able to attend often achieve at a higher level.**

We have therefore arranged a fieldtrip to The Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire from **Friday 11th September to Monday 14th September 2026**. During this trip we will carry out fieldwork investigations along the North Yorkshire Coast and at Scarborough and Flamborough. We will see the influence of coastal processes on the landscape, study urban redevelopment in Scarborough, and review the influences on the water and carbon cycles. The students will gain fieldwork and research skills essential for success on the NEA coursework. All fieldwork will be led by experienced staff from Cranedale Centre, accompanied and supported by the geography teachers from Great Marlow School. All activities will be closely supervised and none will be dangerous. Any student needs will be accommodated as far as is possible to ensure that everyone can take a full part. More information about Cranedale can be found at www.cranedale.com. Further details about the trip will follow closer to the time.

To finance this trip, we are asking parents for **a total voluntary contribution of £455**. This cost covers 3 nights full board accommodation, all meals, tuition, transport and equipment costs. I realise that this is a significant sum of money, and I hope that you can appreciate the value of this trip to your child's learning. There is no obligation to contribute and no student will be excluded because parents / carers are unwilling or unable to pay. **However, the visit will have to be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions.** A non-refundable deposit is required to secure our booking, by the date below, with the option **to either pay the balance in full at any time** or to make **smaller contributions on a monthly basis**. The total balance is due by July 5th 2026.

Payment 1: 15th December 2026 – non-refundable deposit: £80

Payment 2: 5th January 2026: £75

Payment 3: 5th February 2026: £50

Payment 4: 5th March 2026: £50

Payment 5: 5th April 2026: £50

Payment 6: 5th May 2026: £50

Payment 7: 5th June 2026: £50

Payment 8: 5th July 2026: £50

Please log on to WisePay to complete the compulsory MS Consent Form and to make a first payment (either £80 deposit or the full balance) by Monday 15th December.

If you have any issues with WisePay please email finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk who will be happy to assist. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Miss V Coates

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