



9th February 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE Geography Physical & Human Fieldwork – Oxford & Amersham

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 physical & human geography fieldwork away from the classroom. The data collected will support with the GCSE Paper 1 and Paper 3 examinations. Although this trip is not compulsory, we do suggest that your child attends.

Physical Fieldwork trips – Amersham – April 2026

Students will carry out fieldwork to investigate changes in river channel characteristics along the course of the river, including a quantitative measure of discharge and qualitative fieldwork methods to consider landforms such as meanders. Students will have an opportunity to develop understanding of the kinds of questions that can be investigated through fieldwork in river environments and have an opportunity to develop a question(s) based on their location and the task. Students will be supervised at all times. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them.

The Amersham trip requires us to depart from GMS at 9 am and the estimated return time is 4 pm.

Human Fieldwork Trip – Oxford – July 2026

Students 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. Students will need to bring money with them to buy lunch in Oxford.

The Oxford trip requires us to depart from GMS at 9 am and the estimated return time is 3 pm.

Dates of the trips

Please be aware: different geography groups are going on different dates for the physical fieldwork trip.

Monday 20 th April	Tuesday 21 st April	Wednesday 22 nd April	Thursday 9 th July
Physical fieldwork trip	Physical fieldwork trip	Physical fieldwork trip	Human fieldwork trip
10B1 – Miss Ashby 10C – Miss Miles	10B2 – Miss Sparks 10D – Miss Coates	10A – Mrs Messenger	10a – Mrs Messenger 10b1 – Miss Ashby 10b2 – Miss Sparks 10c – Miss Miles 10d – Miss Coates

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 £75. This covers the cost of tutoring at the study centre, 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, the trips 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 compulsory MS Consent Form and also to pay any voluntary contribution for these trips **by Monday 23rd February**.

The trip will close on this date and we will not be adding students to the trip after this deadline.

Details of clothing and equipment requirements 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