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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography fieldtrip: Friday 11th September – Monday 14th September 2026

Early next term we will be leaving for our A Level Geography fieldtrip to North Yorkshire and I am writing to provide further important information to ensure the trip runs as smoothly as possible. Firstly, may I thank you for your support of this trip, which will give your son/daughter an extremely valuable learning opportunity as they prepare for their A level geography individual investigation (NEA coursework) and their final exams.

Enclosed with this letter is induction information provided by the Cranedale Centre and I would ask you to go through this carefully with your son/daughter, to ensure that he/she is suitably prepared to get the most out of the trip. I would like particularly to draw your attention to the rules relating to smoking/vaping and alcohol consumption. *Any student found in possession or under the influence of these items will be removed from the fieldtrip and you will be required to collect them.* This has never been an issue in the past and I am certain there will not be this year, but I feel it is important to make this clear from the outset and I thank you for your support here.

The induction information includes a list of clothing and equipment required for the trip. We will provide sufficient paper, clipboards and other fieldwork equipment, but your son/daughter should bring their own NEA books, pens, pencils and a calculator (as they would usually for school). We will be outdoors for the majority of each day and so it is essential that all students are suitably clothed - layers of warm clothing for Yorkshire in early autumn. Our luggage space is likely to be limited, so please use soft luggage bags and keep the size to a minimum. I must also highlight the fact that neither Great Marlow School nor the Cranedale Centre can be held responsible for any valuables that students choose to bring. If anything has changed since you completed the MS Consent Form for the trip, please can you redo it through WisePay.

Our coach will leave Great Marlow School at **6.30 am prompt on Friday 11th September**, as we have a tight schedule upon arrival in North Yorkshire. **Please ensure your son/daughter arrives at school by 6.15 am at the very latest, to allow time to load luggage.** We expect to arrive back at Great Marlow School by **6.00 pm on Monday 14th September**, dependent on traffic conditions.

Finally, should you need to contact me at any time during the trip, (in an emergency) the number for the Cranedale Centre is 01944 738687 and their website is www.cranedale.com. There will also be a school mobile number that we will ask students to let you know once we are on the trip. Thank you once again for your support.

Yours faithfully
Miss V Coates, Second in Department of Geography



Cranedale Kit List

We look forward to welcoming you to the Cranedale Centre! This page explains **what you need to bring** on your trip and the next page explains a bit more about **what to expect**.

Essential Clothing for Activities

You will be outside for most of the day. You need to be ready for cold and wet conditions whatever the time of year.

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| ☐ Waterproof jacket (with hood) | ☐ Long sleeved t-shirts |
| ☐ Wellington boots | ☐ Warm layers/fleece tops |
| ☐ Thick warm trousers | ☐ Gloves |
| ☐ Scarf | ☐ Woolly hat / Sun hat |
| ☐ Thick socks | ☐ Indoor shoes (to be left clean and dry) |
| ☐ Waterproof trousers | ☐ Day rucksack (large enough to carry your drink, packed lunch, extra layers, pencil case, and any medications) |
| ☐ Warm layers/fleece tops | |

In cooler months, we recommend wearing **several layers of clothing** each day. You will also want to wear hats, scarves and gloves. You will need one pair of 'indoor' shoes to wear around the Cranedale Centre and another pair to wear out in 'the field' when undertaking fieldwork.

We have a limited stock of waterproofs and wellies for loan, free of charge, but we strongly recommend you bring your own if possible.

Other Essential Items

- ☐ Refillable Water Bottle (to take out with you each day)
- ☐ Sun Protection
- ☐ Pencil case with all the normal stationery you need for school
- ☐ Medications/Inhalers
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Soap/Toiletries
- ☐ Pyjamas or night clothes

Optional Extras

- ☐ Torch or Head Torch
- ☐ Spending money
- ☐ Flask (we can fill this up for you at breakfast with a hot drink)



Other Useful Information for Students and Parents/Carers

Medical Conditions & Special Dietary Requirements

Tell your teachers about any medical conditions or dietary requirements when they ask you for this information. We cater for all diets including Halal, Gluten Free, Vegan, Vegetarian, etc but it is vital we receive this information in advance so we can plan for your arrival.

What are the accommodation facilities like?

Check out our [virtual tour online](#) for an idea of what to expect. Each bedroom has bunk beds and sinks and can sleep between 4-6 people. None are ensuite but bathrooms are situated close to all bedrooms. Each toilet/shower has its own individual cubicle to ensure personal privacy. We have phone signal on most networks and also have free WiFi available in most areas of the Centre.

We aim to provide toilet opportunities when we are offsite teaching each day, but for some remote locations this may not be possible. Please see our [advice leaflet](#) about this.

The Daily Routine

8am Breakfast in the Granary

9:15am Meet your tutor and begin the day of fieldwork

5pm Return to the Centre and free time begins

6pm Dinner

7:20-8:30pm Evening lesson followed by some free time (bedtime is decided by your teachers)

Safety

- ☐ Students should remain on Centre premises during their free time
- ☐ No smoking or vaping inside the building please
- ☐ Please do not bring nuts or products containing nuts as we are a 'nut free' Centre
- ☐ No alcohol may be brought to the Centre or consumed during your stay

Have fun!

We aim to ensure you have an enjoyable and useful experience with us that propels you in your school studies to help you achieve your very best. Many former visiting pupils have fond memories of their Cranedale field trip with some posting on our social media pages.



For more information, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website, follow us on our social media or speak to your school / the teacher organising the trip.