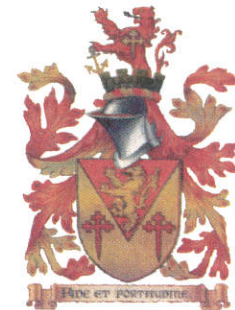




# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer



## Geography Field Trip - Visit FSC Nettlecombe Court, Somerset

We are intending to take our year current year 12 students on a residential field visit to the FSC Centre at Nettlecombe court, Somerset **from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**



Science



Engineering

Students will use the visit to collect the fieldwork data necessary to complete their Independent study a compulsory element of the A level qualification. The exam board requires centres to complete at least four days of fieldwork as part of the qualification. The fieldwork carried out is an integral part of the A-Level Geography course, the independent study the students will complete in year 13 using the data and skills learnt at the centre is worth 20% of the A level qualification. **This is therefore a compulsory trip for all Geography students currently in Year 12.**



The cost of the field visit is **£479.80** which includes transport both to the centre and whilst at the centre, full board accommodation at the centre, insurance and administration. **The additional cost of expert tuition provided by the experienced centre staff is being subsidised by the school. A non-refundable deposit of £100.00 is payable as soon as possible but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Further payments can be paid in instalments with the final balance due to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the latest.**



We have investigated a number of field study sites in the UK and found the Nettlecombe centre to offer value for money. The location of the centre is ideal for the study of both Physical and Human Geography offering classic coastal landforms plus a range of settlements ideal for the study of Human Geography within close proximity to the centre. We believe that the expertise of centre staff will allow our students to get the best possible information to develop their independent study in year 13.



Please make payments for this trip using ParentPay. If you have any problems making payment on ParentPay please telephone our Finance Department to make payment over the telephone.



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Further information about the course and Field Studies Centre will be distributed in due course but in the meantime can you please complete and return the attached sheet.



As with most school trips we are only allowed to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. This is not compulsory, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund the visit, then it will be cancelled. In the event of



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anybody having any query about how the cost is arrived at please contact, in the first instance Mrs Shirley Emery, Trips Administrator.

**If you feel you are unable to contribute to the cost of the trip in full please notify us in writing to Dr Hayman (Headteacher) or by email to [st-shirley.emery@whsg.info](mailto:st-shirley.emery@whsg.info).** All conversations will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of the trip:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If your daughter/son is currently in receipt of Free School Meals then we will require a letter/email ([st-shirley.emery@whsg.info](mailto:st-shirley.emery@whsg.info)) giving your consent for her/him to attend the trip.

Yours sincerely

PP I.L. Smith

Mrs Michelle Feeley  
Teacher of Geography

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Please return to the box outside the main school office

**WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
**Current Year 12 Geography Field trip – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

I hereby give permission for my daughter/son: \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Current Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Nettlecombe, Somerset. I  
will pay the non-refundable deposit of £100.00 on ParentPay by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and  
agree to pay the balance by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

I am exempt from paying for this trip because

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Dietary requirements:

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Medical Information:

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Carer)

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