

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/carer



The Geography A Level course requires your daughter/son to undertake fieldwork in relation to processes in both physical and human geography. The course requires a minimum of four days of fieldwork to collect primary data for the non-examined assessment (NEA) which is worth 20% of the final A level grade. The NEA requires students to design their own individual fieldwork investigation. They will generate an individual question/title, independently collect primary data and then analyse the results to draw conclusions. They will submit an independent investigation between 3000-4000 words that demonstrates required fieldwork knowledge, skills and understanding.



To be able to give your daughter/son the opportunity to choose a topic they have an interest in we are going to take them to three different locations giving them ideas of possible areas of investigation. We will visit the 3 locations below to carry out whole group fieldwork introducing your daughter/son to as many possible techniques as time allows. After the 3 trips your daughter/son will have to choose one location to carry out their individual investigation and a further visit to that site will be arranged in September 2018.



Science

We will be going to;



Engineering

- **London (Bethnal Green and Notting Hill) – Thursday 28th June 2018**
- **Walton-on-the-Naze – Thursday 5th July 2018**
- **Southend (seafront, town centre and surrounding residential area) – Wednesday 11th July 2018**

In the urban settings of London and Southend we will investigate gentrification, regeneration, rebranding and factors that contribute to the identity of these places. These topics form part of the Changing Places topic on the specification. We will be going to Walton-on-the-Naze to conduct physical fieldwork looking at the beach profile, erosion and how effective the management strategies are.

Arrangements for London -28th June 2018

We will meet the students at London Liverpool Street Station at 9:30am outside McDonalds. To ensure the students know where this meeting point is a map will be provided to show the exact location. They will require money to get the central line from Liverpool Street Station to Notting Hill Station. This can be purchased as an All-day travel pass to London, or if the students already have a rail ticket to Liverpool Street Station, they can purchase an underground ticket. Students will be returned to Liverpool Street Station McDonalds at 4:30pm at which time they can then make their own way home.

Arrangements for Walton-on-the-Naze- 5th July 2018

We will travel by coach to Walton-on-the-Naze at 8:45am to arrive there at around 10am. We will be departing from Walton-on-the-Naze at 3pm to arrive back to school around 4:30pm. As this will be later than the contract buses, if your daughter/son uses this service, they will need to make other arrangements to get home. Students on this day will need to bring a packed lunch with them.



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SEAT



Arrangements for Southend – 11th July 2018

We will meet the students at the entrance to Southend's Pier at 9am. To ensure the students know where this meeting point is, a map will be provided to show the exact location. Students will then be released at 3:30pm at which time they can make their own way home.

For each of the days students will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to ensure safety and comfort. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch or some money with them to buy lunch whilst out for the day.

The cost to cover the coach to Walton-on-the-Naze will be £14.00. Please pay for this trip using ParentPay. If you have any problems making payment on ParentPay, please telephone our Finance Department on 01702 476026 to make payment over the telephone.

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

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 Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of 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 you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If your daughter currently qualifies for Pupil Premium Payments then we will only require a letter/email to generalenquiries@whsg.info giving your consent for her to attend the trip.

Please make your contribution for this trip using ParentPay no later than Monday 18th June 2018.

May we also ask that if, for any reason, you feel you are unable to contribute to the cost of the trip, you contact our Trips Administrator to ensure that unnecessary reminders are not sent to you. All conversations will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If you have any questions about the Field trips or the non-examined assessment then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Geography