

To Parents/Carers

6th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Geography Fieldtrip: Juniper Hall

GCSE Geography is composed of three components:

Component 1 - The Physical Environment

Component 2 - The Human Environment

Component 3 - Geographical Investigations and UK challenges

Component 3 involves an exam based on compulsory fieldwork. The fieldwork has to be carried out over two separate days, involving both physical and human environments.

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The details of the trip:

Date: Tuesday 20th February 2024

Time: Pupils will leave school at 8am

Pupils will return to school at approximately 5.30pm

Location: Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6DA

Cost: A voluntary contribution of £45. This includes travel by coach, resources and fieldwork activities.

Payment: ParentPay by Monday 13th November 2023

We understand that the cost of this may be prohibitive for some families, and so we ask that you contact us to seek financial support. Please email me in the first instance, so that we can discuss what support we can put in place for you, for example payment by instalments.

Due to the outdoor nature of the trip pupils should bring warm outdoor clothing, including a waterproof jacket, outdoor shoes, trousers that are not jeans for walking, warm jumpers and spare clothes. All pupils will need a pair of Wellington boots, a clipboard, pens and paper. Wellington boots and waterproofs can be borrowed from the centre if your child does not have their own.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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