



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip

As part of your son/daughter's GCSE Geography course, the department has arranged a fieldtrip to the Bristol Harbourside to study urban regeneration. The aim of this visit is to practice Human Geography fieldwork techniques which will be examined as part of the GCSE Paper 3 Geographical Applications examination. The students will collect data, which will be analysed and discussed in class. The AQA GCSE Geography Specification requires GCSE students to go on both a physical (River Cole) and a human fieldwork trip.

During the visit students will visit 8 different locations completing a variety of fieldwork techniques like environmental quality surveys etc in the Harbourside and have a guided 1-hour boat tour along the Harbourside to see the regeneration. This will equip students with the skills for Paper 3 and is worth 30% of your child's GCSE.

The visit for your child will take place on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**. We will leave school at 8.45am, travelling by coach, and return to school approximately 4.30pm. The students are required to wear school uniform.

Below is a checklist of things to remember on the day:

- School uniform is required (please be prepared for all weather extremes, waterproof coat, umbrellas etc)
- Sensible footwear. Students can wear trainers and not school shoes.
- A packed lunch and adequate drink for the day (If your child is eligible for a free school meal this will be provided).
- Any necessary medication (inhalers, epipen etc).
- A camera (if possible).

Students should remember inhalers and any personal medication they require. If there have been any significant changes to your child's medical or health information since the start of the year, then please ensure you notify school admin prior to the trip. If you have any major concerns about this then please contact me directly.

Please remind your child that our behavioural expectations are high and that students will need to follow staff instructions at all times to remain safe. Sensible and appropriate behaviour is essential.

This trip is an essential part of the GCSE curriculum, so attendance is compulsory for completion of the course. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £40.50 per student to cover the cost of transport, fees, insurance and resources that will be used. **Payment deadline the 10th of December 2025.**

Payments should be made using the school's ParentPay system. While this cost is voluntary, if insufficient contributions are made then the visit may not be able to proceed. If you require any support with the cost of this trip, please go to [Farmor's School website](#) for further information.

If you require any further information regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Moore
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