

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 Geography (Rivers) Fieldtrip.

As part of your son/daughter's GCSE Geography course, the department has arranged a fieldtrip to the **River Cole at Coleshill National Trust** to study the changing characteristics of rivers along their course. The aim of this visit is to practice Physical Geography fieldwork techniques which will be examined as part of the GCSE Paper 3 Geographical Applications examination.

The **visit will take place on Tuesday 24th June 2025**. We will leave school at 9am, travelling by coach, and return to school in time for the buses at the end of the school day. The students are **not required to wear school uniform** but will need to wear long trousers and sleeves to reduce the risk of ticks and sunburn. All students should bring a waterproof jacket as we will continue whatever the weather. They should also bring wellington boots and a change of clothes as they will be entering the water to take measurements and could get wet.

Students should also 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.

Students should bring a packed lunch and substantial drink to last the day as there will not be an opportunity for them to buy food or drink. They should also bring anti-bacterial hand-sanitiser which they will be advised to use before eating and drinking. 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 £10 per student to cover the cost of transport, fees, insurance and resources that will be used. 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](http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk) for further information.

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

Yours sincerely,

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