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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 7 Geography Trip

We would like to inform you about an opportunity we have planned for Year 7 to practise what they have been learning in the classroom on a local field trip on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The year group will be split between these days as follows:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** tutor groups – 7PDW and 7AG.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** tutor groups – 7CJB and 7VLC.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** tutor groups – 7JTW and 7RPH.

Orienteering in Lea Wood will enable students to practise all the map skills they have learnt this year. Students will also take part in a mini enquiry on the River Coln. This investigation will allow students to see the many river features we have studied, as well as introducing them to important fieldwork techniques. We will leave school after registration and have the whole day in the field (whatever the weather). **Students will return to school in time for the buses at the end of the school day.**

There will be no need to wear school uniform but students will need to be adequately prepared for the weather conditions, with either warm clothes or hats and sun cream depending on the weather that day. All students need to bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear. To be on the safe side and to help prevent students getting a possible tick bite, we would like students to wear long trousers, long sleeves and use an insect repellent. The students will also need to have a packed lunch, a substantial drink and writing equipment (pencil and rubber) which they will carry with them in a rucksack all day. Students also need to bring hand wipes/sanitiser so they can clean their hands before eating. **Please also remember inhalers and any personal medication they require, particularly hay fever tablets.** In previous years it has been warm and sunny so a substantial drink, sun cream and a hat were essential.

We are fortunate in having the support of the Ernest Cook Trust in Fairford who are able to offer the use of the Fairford Estate and their education staff and resources for free, so there is no charge for this trip.

We thank you in advance for your support.

The Geography Department