



# ABINGDON

From: Mr I Fishpool: Head of Geography

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To all parents of Upper Sixth Year Geography students

## **Upper Sixth Geography Field Trip to Studland Bay**

First of all I feel I must congratulate your sons on some fantastic AS results this summer, most have certainly placed themselves in a strong position for their A2 examination next summer.

As part of the A2 course there is a unit called *Geographical Skills* that represent 20% of the marks next summer. Essentially they will be tested on skills and techniques used in the field whilst conducting a geographical enquiry. They will be expected to collect, analyse, interpret, evaluate and draw conclusion from data they have collected.

As I mentioned in a letter to you a year ago, we intend to run a very short UK based fieldtrip to conduct a geographical enquiry to act as a template for this part of the course and to provide our students with some first hand experience in the field. We will expect them to write up the enquiry but it does not form part of the formal examination process. The act of completing the write up is the learning experience that will be extremely useful to their examination next summer.

Details of the Field Trip: Studland Sand Dunes, Dorset.

Dates: Sunday, 9 October – Monday, 10 October.

We aim to leave Sunday morning – 10.00am. so as to arrive in Studland by lunchtime. In the afternoon we intend to undertake a familiarization exercise of the study area and revision of the fieldwork techniques.

Overnight accommodation: Brenscombe Outdoor Centre. ([www.brenscombeoutdoor.co.uk](http://www.brenscombeoutdoor.co.uk)) - where we are booked in on a full board basis. Packed lunches will be supplied for Monday.

Monday: we aim to collect the data on the sand dunes, both am and pm, followed by our return journey to Abingdon, where I hope to arrive by mid-evening.

The cost of the trip will be £78.00, this includes all accommodation, meals and transport.

Although I cannot make this trip compulsory, it is fair to say that I will expect students to attend. Your son will be severely disadvantaged in his A2 work if he were to miss this opportunity and experience. There is no alternative provision available in Abingdon. As there is a charge for this fieldtrip, should you find payment difficult please contact me and I do have some limited alternative funds to draw upon.

Please return the slip to me, via your son, by Friday 23 September 2011.

Having finished on a fairly formal note I would add that fieldwork is usually great fun and the students do enjoy it! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me, e-mail is usually the best method.

Yours sincerely

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Residential Trip Parental Consent Form

Vlth Geography Trip to Studland Bay Sunday 9 October to Monday 10 October 2011

Name of pupil .....

Tutor Group .....

I consent to my son taking part in the geography fieldtrip to Studland Bay.

I understand that the charge for this will be added to the end of £78.00 term bill.

I accept that the School reserves the right to send him home at our expense if he jeopardises his safety, the safety of others or the good name of the School.

Signed .....

Print name ..... Date .....

Please provide two emergency contact names and telephone numbers who will be available at the time of the trip.

1. Name .....

Number: .....

2. Name.....

Number: .....

3. Emergency telephone number if parents are unavailable:

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In your child's interest, it is vitally important that the organizing staff should know whether he suffers from any illness or disability, which may affect his participation, or requires a special diet or medication.

When did your son last have a tetanus injection? .....

Is your son allergic to penicillin, stings, dressings? .....

Please give any details you consider to be relevant and include any recent accidents or contact with contagious diseases.

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Please return this form by Friday 23 September 2011