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### **GCSE Geography fieldwork - upcoming trips**

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to let you know about two Geography trips coming up in the Lent term and in the Summer term for all students studying GCSE Geography. The exam board asks us to embed human and physical geography fieldwork techniques to be assessed in examination papers during the GCSE (it is **not** written up or submitted as coursework in advance).

The idea is to interrogate some of the core concepts of the subject and explore the reality of these models. This helps to contextualise the theory but also underlines the importance of field research in testing and modifying theories when new information is uncovered.

Due to restrictions over the past two years, we will be running trips for both Fourth and Fifth years on the below dates. These trips will leave and return within a school day in time for buses, so no additional travel arrangements are necessary. Students will be reminded the day before, so that they can dress appropriately for the conditions and do not need to be in school uniform.

#### Fifth Year

- Tuesday 8 March - rivers fieldwork (Abingdon)
- Thursday 28 April - urban fieldwork (Oxford)

#### Fourth Year

- Thursday 24 March - rivers fieldwork (Abingdon)
- Tuesday 17 May - urban fieldwork (Oxford)

You will receive a consent form via email ahead of each trip and we would appreciate timely completion, so that all elements are finalised before the day itself.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions ([will.stockdale@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:will.stockdale@abingdon.org.uk)),

Yours sincerely

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