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Dear Parent/Carer

**AS Geography Field Trip Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

I am pleased to contact you regarding the above trip which is always a valuable and enjoyable experience for A level geographers. Student feedback reveals that this week is a memorable experience that enriches learning and provides a necessary practical element of the course. This will be a two centre trip; the first part in Pembrokeshire and the second around Aberystwyth. These areas provide a variety of human and physical landscapes which are well suited to AS geographical study.

The field trip will be run by myself and will be accompanied by additional members of staff from the geography department as well as a female member of staff. Students will follow a rigorous fieldwork programme including a river study, sand dune transect and a coastal study. There will also be two urban studies and a visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology. There will also be evening study sessions where students are prepared for the geographical skills paper that they sit in the summer. For these reasons, while participation in the course is technically optional, it is **strongly recommended** as it is an opportunity to bring the class taught geography to life and is tailored specifically to helping students succeed in their summer exams. We will of course cover the necessary material in lessons as well.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £260 which will cover the cost of the visit including transport, all food and other incidental costs such as entry to the CAT. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. If you find it difficult to meet this cost, you are invited to contact me in confidence to discuss whether it is possible to reach some mutual arrangement.

The cost can be paid in instalments as detailed below. Can I kindly request that the slip attached is completed and returned directly to the finance office. Payment should be made via the online payment system or alternatively by cheque, payable to Sackville School, by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014. Of course, the full balance can be paid at any time before 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
Deposit	£90	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2014
Second Instalment	£90	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
Final Balance	£80	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2015

Accommodation will be **full board** at the following locations, so students will only need money for incidental drinks and snacks for the week.

<p><b>Claremont House</b>            St Brides Hill            Saundersfoot            Pembrokeshire            SA69 9NP            Tel: 01834 813231</p> <p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Plas Dolau</b>            Lovesgrove            Aberystwyth            Dyfed            SY23 3HP            Tel: 01970 617834</p> <p>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</p>
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Yours sincerely  
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To: Finance office

**Geography Field Trip 2015**

Name of student ..... Form .....

I wish/do not wish (please delete as appropriate) for my child to take part in the AS geography field trip and have paid the £90 deposit via the online payment system/ I enclose a cheque made payable to Sackville School for the deposit of £90 (please delete as appropriate).

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date .....

