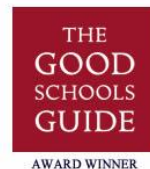




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June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### GCSE Geography Field Trip to South Wales – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

It will not be long until we embark on our trip to Wales to collect primary river data to use in the fieldwork questions in the year 11 geography exams. Hopefully the weather will continue to last and we can get down onto the beach at Swansea Bay in the evenings!

Students will need to be at school by **7.30am** on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** and we aim to return by **4.00pm** on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July** subject to traffic conditions.

The final balance for the trip is now due. Please make sure that payments are received as soon as possible if you have not yet paid the balance in full.

At the time of writing your outstanding balance is £\_\_\_\_\_.

Also attached to this letter is a **Parental Consent form** which needs to be returned by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** please.

As stated in the initial letter, students will be staying in fully catered accommodation at Swansea University so all meals are included in the cost of the trip. The fieldwork will be carried out along the course of the River Taff from its source in the Brecon Beacons National Park to the mouth in Cardiff.

A full **kit list** is attached to this letter. All items are highly recommended or essential but I must draw your attention to an important safety consideration. As students will be walking on uneven ground and getting into the river (where it is safe to do so) it is important that in order to be able to go into the river at least two different kinds of footwear are packed for the trip:

- a pair of sturdy walking boots or trainers is essential (no ballet-style pumps or canvas trainers)
- a pair of old trainers or wet-shoes for getting into the river (students cannot enter the river barefoot or in flip-flops)

Also please bear in mind that the weather can be very changeable in the Welsh hills. It is very important that students are prepared for all conditions, hot, cold, wet, dry and everything in between!

I would remind you that expensive items (phones, cameras, laptops etc) are not insured and so the recommendation is that they are left at home unless covered by your own insurance.

Students should make payments directly to the finance office. Parental consent forms can be handed in to the finance office or directly to your geography teacher. Cheques should be made payable to Sackville School. Please write the student's full name, form and 'GCSE geography field trip' on the back of the cheque to avoid confusion. Alternatively you can pay via the online payment system. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at <https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/>. **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

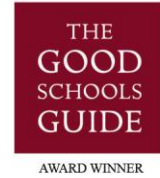
Yours sincerely

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**SACKVILLE SCHOOL PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

A trip to

I wish my child \_\_\_\_\_ (Full name of child in capitals please)

to be allowed to take part in the above-mentioned school journeys and having read the information sheet, agree to his/her taking part in any or all of the activities described. I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

I understand that, while the school staff and helpers in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the young people, unless they are negligent they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my child arising during or out of the journey.

Please delete and complete the following as is appropriate.
My child has no illness, allergy or physical disability *
The following illness, allergy or physical disability*
*cross out which does not apply

Date of Birth:
Name of own doctor:
Doctor's address:
Doctor's telephone No:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

which necessitates the following medical treatment

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I consent to staff administering paracetamol/ibuprofen if required

I consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the visit.

Address Home _____	Work _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

If not available at the above, please state an alternative contact.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

**Note:** Photographs may be taken that include your son/daughter. If you do not wish such pictures to be used for normal publicity purposes including publication on the school's website please tick box.

My son/daughter does/does not have dietary requirements (please delete as appropriate).

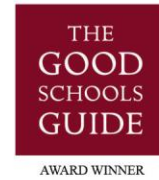
If yes please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sackville Geography Department



### GCSE Fieldwork Kit List (essentials and recommendations) \*:

**Waterproof coat** - essential

**Waterproof trousers** – recommended

**Warm trousers** – not jeans as these absorb water and become heavy and difficult to dry in wet conditions - essential

**Warm coat or fleece** - essential

**Warm base layer/T-shirts** - essential

**Walking boots/sturdy footwear** – these should have plenty of tread on the sole and should be fairly waterproof - essential

**Walking socks** – one pair – essential, two pairs - recommended

**Wet shoes or Wellington boots** – for wading in rivers - recommended

**Warm gloves and hat** - essential

**Sunhat, sunglasses, sun cream** - essential, **insect repellent** - recommended

**A small day rucksack (25 litres)** - essential

**Fieldwork notebook** - recommended

**Stationery and calculator** - essential

**Inexpensive camera** – recommended - remember we will be doing river work. We advise strongly against bringing expensive cameras, including expensive camera `phones.

**Individual medication with clear instructions – make sure staff are aware of any medical issues** - essential

**Watch** - recommended

**Packed lunch for the first day + snacks.** - essential

**Small amount of money for snacks** – optional

**Hand sanitiser** – highly recommended

**Old clothes for fieldwork** - essential

**Casual clothes for the evenings** – recommended!

**Toiletries** - essential

**Towel** – essential

**Entertainment (cards, books, footballs, Frisbees etc.)** - recommended

**Enthusiasm (compulsory!)**

\* If you have any questions about the list please contact Mr Johnson [mjohnson@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:mjohnson@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

