

Dear Parent or Carer

Year 9 Geography fieldwork trip on Friday 6th February 2026

The GCSE Geography specification requires students to undertake **two geographical enquiries outside of the classroom**. In each enquiry they will conduct a day of fieldwork where they will collect data that will enable them to prove or disprove a set hypothesis that links back to the work they have studied in lessons. This will be examined in the Geographical Applications paper 3 and is worth 30% of their final grade.

To enable year 9 students to get a taste of the work these Geographical enquiries will involve ahead of choosing their GCSE option subjects, I am pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to spend a whole day in Worcester conducting an urban studies fieldwork exercise. This day will involve students investigating how Worcester is changing and whether these changes are having a positive effect on the city or not. The day will be led by staff from the Bishops Wood Field Studies Council centre.

We will leave school at **8.45am** and travel to Worcester by coach. To ensure students get as complete a fieldwork experience as possible we will return to school after the end of the school day; we aim to leave Worcester at 3.30pm and **be back at school between 4.30pm and 4.45pm**.

On the day students must:

- Bring a packed lunch and drinks. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, and a packed lunch is required, please notify us by emailing info@bes.318education.co.uk
- Bring writing equipment
- Wear full school uniform and a coat appropriate for the weather at this time of year

The centre will provide all other equipment and resources needed, and have rigorous and proven health and safety procedures, including 24-hour emergency cover, in place. Further details can be found on their website here <https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/bishopswood/>

We are limited to just 30 places on this visit, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A reserves list will be held if any student cannot attend this trip.

The cost of this trip is **£49.00**. Please be aware that if sufficient funds are not received, we may have to cancel the visit.

For students who fail to meet our behaviour expectations prior to and up to the event, the school reserves the right to withdraw them from the trip. Please refer to the school representation agreement for further details.

If you would like your child to attend, please make payment via Arbor school trips by **Friday 5th December**.

Yours faithfully



Mr David Pope
Teacher of Geography