



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Mr T Spencer BSc

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 & 13 Residential Geography Field Trip, Field Study Centre Flatford Mill, East Bergholt, 4th- 6th November

I am really excited to offer our A-Level Geography students a residential Geography field trip from Monday 4th November through to Wednesday 6th November. This field study usually costs £3500 however we have managed to attain this residential field trip free of charge.

The field centre is located at Flatford Mill set in the beautiful Dedham Vale an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The centre is run by the Field Studies Council, an educational establishment established in 1943. This is a fantastic opportunity for both Year 12 and Year 13 students. The students will undertake a number of physical and human geography courses including coastal and carbon studies. This will provide an excellent opportunity for our Year 12 students to realise their NEA topic and the Year 13 students an amazing opportunity to revise and consider their analysis and evaluating skills for their NEAs. The days in the field will run between 9.15 am and 8.00 pm. Each day the students will have some free time. Further details about travel arrangements i.e. what time we will be leaving and returning to Fearnhill, will be sent out nearer the time. The centre has a games room and outdoor space, as well as an area within the accommodation block to make drinks and relax.

The field centre accommodation is located at the Flatford Mill site, the majority of bedrooms have an ensuite, the other bedrooms all have a wash basin and access to shower and WC suite close by. Students will be provided with linen with which to make their beds up. Everyone should bring their own toiletry articles and students need to bring a towel. The students will need plenty of warm clothes, including hats and gloves, we will be going into the field to collect data every day (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Stout shoes or walking boots plus thick socks are preferable for walking and working out of doors. A change of shoes for indoors is necessary, as is a small day rucksack. If you have waterproof clothing and wellies I suggest bringing them however the centre does have a stock of waterproof tops, trousers and wellies. **A kit list is attached with this letter.**

The students will be provided with a breakfast and evening meal and materials are provided for them to make up a picnic lunch each day. **Please inform us of any specific dietary requirements and medical information using the form attached. This form must be returned by Monday 7th October.** Some spending money is suggested as there is a shop that sells a small selection of sustainable gifts.

We look forward to an enjoyable trip where we expect the same high standards of behaviour as in School. The School reserves the right to withdraw any student at any time, if they have behaviour issues in accordance with our policy. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any further questions about the visit.

Yours faithfully

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