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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip to Sunderland and Blyth

As part of the of the current GCSE Geography specification, the Geography Department have organised a visit to Sunderland and Blyth for Year 11 pupils to enable them to complete the two required geographical fieldwork enquiries for this course [\[LINK to AQA website\]](#). Pupils will complete two enquiries in contrasting environments enabling them to show an understanding of both physical and human geography fieldwork for their GCSE Geography qualification. As pupils are also required to write about their fieldwork in one of their exams, it is therefore essential that your son/daughter takes part in this fieldwork activity.

The visit for your son/daughter will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2024. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and will return by 3:00pm. Your son/daughter will need to bring a pen and pencil with them. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform, but they should be appropriately dressed i.e. suitable for walking and prepared for a change in weather conditions. It would be helpful if pupils check the weather forecast to help them choose the appropriate footwear and coat to wear. Pupils will also need to bring a packed lunch – if your child qualifies for free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided.

The cost of this trip is £10 per pupil (transport) – we would appreciate any voluntary contributions towards the cost of this trip for your child – contributions can be made through Parentmail. Please note that this contribution is genuinely voluntary – neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable, or choose not, to contribute.

In order to give consent for your child to participate in this fieldwork trip, please complete the consent slip under the Forms Section on Parentmail, by 3.00pm on Friday 8th March 2024.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Pallas

Head of Humanities



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