

# Sponne School

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28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Dorset trip, Sept/Oct 2020, Year 11 (current Year 10), Geography, Swanage**

As part of the **Geography GCSE** course, your son/daughter must have the opportunity to undertake fieldwork to gain information, knowledge and skills for their GCSE exams. To ensure a wide variety of experience, a residential fieldtrip to the Dorset coastline has been organised. This trip will meet the exam board recommendation for 2 days fieldwork and will provide the knowledge and experience which will be assessed in one of your son/daughter's Geography GCSE exams.

This annual fieldtrip has been run by Sponne for several years. Due to the large numbers of students studying Geography, we shall split the classes across two trips.

<b>Trip 1</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	10BA/Gg1 (Miss Gormley), 10CA/Gg1 (Miss Gormley) and 10CB/Gg1 (Mrs Warr), 10BA/Gg2 (Mrs Warr)
<b>Trip 2</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	10BB/Gg1 (Miss Jones) and 10BB/Gg2 (Mr Howe),

There will be at multiple members of staff on each trip. A kit list (clothes etc.) will be emailed and given to students in the summer term.

Accommodation and food will be provided by :  
The Swanage Centre - Harrow Drive, Swanage, Dorset BH19 1PE

The table below is a provisional itinerary for the trip and is subject to change. A finalised itinerary for the trip will be emailed nearer the time:-

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	At home	The Swanage Centre	The Swanage Centre
<b>AM</b>	Arrive at school normal time <b>Depart Sponne 9.00am</b> Travel about 3½ hours. 1 stop at service station.	Studland Bay Sand Dunes – Physical Geography Fieldwork	Coastal Landforms & Processes Fieldwork at Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Packed lunch (from home)</b>	Packed lunch (provided) by The Swanage Centre	Packed lunch (provided) by The Swanage Centre
<b>PM</b>	Fieldwork Techniques and Pilot Study at Chesil Beach	Bournemouth – Human Geography fieldwork	Travel back to Sponne. 1 stop at service station <b>Arrival at approx. 5.00pm</b>
<b>Tea</b>	The Swanage Centre	The Swanage Centre	At home
<b>Evening</b>	Fieldwork preparation classroom session Evening Activity	Follow up classroom session Evening Activity	Sleep!

Some activities and locations may be subject to change, and students will be made aware of this.

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Students will be visiting potentially hazardous environments such as clifftops, and will be given 'free time' in coastal towns and at the accommodation centre. As such, staff must be absolutely certain they can trust all students attending the trip to act responsibly in these scenarios and to follow instructions immediately and without question. If whilst at Sponne a student has demonstrated a consistent failure to act responsibly in free time or to follow instructions without question, then they may not be eligible to attend the trip. This will be discussed with parents.

We kindly request that by securing a place on this trip, parents/carers are in agreement to follow the Payment Plan detailed below. It is important that the Plan is adhered to as it enables School to be able to fulfil an arranged commitment with the tour operator to pay invoices in instalments. It is also designed to spread the cost for parents before the final date so that a large sum does not become due in one instalment.

**The total cost of the trip is £146.00, to be paid as follows:**

- **£76 due by the end of February 2020**
- **£35 due by the end of March 2020**
- **£35 due by the end of April 2020**

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, the tour operators terms and conditions state they will retain a minimum of the first deposit amount and up to 100% of the trip price depending on the date of withdrawal.

The trip is now open and active on TSCO Scopay for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to go on this trip, you must give your consent by ticking the consent box on the TSCO payment page. Click on the name of the trip highlighted in green, enter the payment amount, tick the Permission Slip box, add to basket and proceed to payment. A non-refundable deposit of **£76** will be required by **end of February** to confirm their place. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any student that is eligible for free school meals **may** also be eligible for financial assistance with this trip and should contact Anne-Louise James, Parent Support Advisor, on [aljames@sponne.org.uk](mailto:aljames@sponne.org.uk) or on ext 237 at the school for further information.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds of monies paid will be forthcoming other than as per the tour operator's terms and conditions above.

All payments should be made via TSCO Scopay. If you require any assistance, please contact Claire Invernizzi [cinvernizzi@sponne.org.uk](mailto:cinvernizzi@sponne.org.uk) on 01327 350284.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school telephone number or by email [CJones@sponne.org.uk](mailto:CJones@sponne.org.uk)

This letter is now on the School Website - Key Information, Parents, Letters Home, Year 10.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Jones  
LL Geography