

Sponne School

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25th February 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Swanage GCSE Fieldtrip 2019, Trip 1 on 30th Sept - 2nd Oct or Trip 2 on 7th – 9th Oct, Year 11, Geography
DORSET GCSE GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL (for current Year 10 students moving to Year 11 in Sept 2019)**

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.

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.

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.

Trip 1 – Monday 30th September to Wednesday 2nd October 2019 – Miss Jones and Mr Howe classes

Trip 2 – Monday 7th October to Wednesday 9th October 2019 – Miss Warr and Mr Marshall classes

There will be at least four 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

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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 :-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Breakfast	At home	The Swanage Centre	The Swanage Centre
AM	Arrive at school normal time Depart Sponne 9.00am Travel about 3½ hours. 1 stop at service station.	Study sites around Swanage – Physical Geography Fieldwork	Human Geography Fieldwork
Lunch	Packed lunch (from home)	Packed lunch (provided) by The Swanage Centre	Packed lunch (provided) by The Swanage Centre
PM	Fieldwork Techniques Coastal Landforms near Swanage	Study sites around Swanage – Human/Physical Geography fieldwork	Travel back to Sponne. 1 stop at service station Arrival at approx. 5.00pm
Tea	The Swanage Centre	The Swanage Centre	The Swanage Centre
Evening	Follow up 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.

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.

The cost of the trip will be **£137.00** which includes coach transport, accommodation, food, and all excursions and activities while on the trip.

The payment schedule is as follows :-

£57 non-refundable deposit due to be paid by 1st April

£40 due by 1st May

£40 due by 1st June

The trip is now open and active on Tucasi Schools Cash Office 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 voluntary contribution of **£57.00** will be required by **1st April** 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.

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.

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 or on ext 237 at the school for further information

All payments should be made via Schools Cash Office. If you require any assistance, please contact Claire Invernizzi cinvnizzis@sponne.org.uk on 01327 350284.

This letter is now on the School Website, School Life, Parents, Letters Home, Year 10.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Jones
Head of Geography