



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Fieldwork at the Slapton Ley Field Centre, South Devon – 11-15 November 2024

A booking has been made for a residential field course at the Slapton Ley Field Centre, South Devon from **Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November 2024**.

It is a **formal requirement** for A level Geography that students complete a minimum of four days' practical fieldwork. During the first three days of the trip, students will be introduced to a range of geographical environments and taught key skills involved in undertaking fieldwork. On the fourth day students will carry out their own fieldwork in a location of their choice which will form the basis of their coursework investigation (NEA) which is **worth 20% of their final A level grade**. It is therefore important that Geography students attend this trip so that they can be supported in carrying out the fieldwork for their coursework.

We also know from experience that this residential practical course offers a real boost to social interaction through group work and discussion which are especially important in developing high level geographical understanding needed in the rest of the A level course.

The cost, based on 12 students, will be **£625** which will include return transport from London Paddington, on-site transport, accommodation, full board, a specialist local tutor and the use of all educational facilities. This price is calculated using the estimated rail fare as group booking is not yet available for these dates. Any reduction in cost from an increased group size and/or rail fare from group booking will be refunded at the end of the fieldtrip.

Further details of the transport arrangements, field centre and a full programme will be sent to you approximately four weeks before departure.

We will need to confirm our booking with the field centre and send a deposit of **£300** per student early in the Autumn term. Please make this payment by **Friday 20 September**. The remaining **£325** will be requested by **Friday 1 November**. It is a condition of the Fieldwork Centre that once your initial deposit is accepted the balance for the student will be payable in full. May I suggest that you take out your own cancellation insurance or check your annual policy, as the school will be unable to support such an event.

If you agree to the details of the trip outlined in this letter please make a payment of **£300** for 'Slapton Ley Fieldwork' using the schools WisePay system by **Friday 20 September** (the offer will be available from the start of the autumn term). Please be aware that payment constitutes permission for this trip. If you have any

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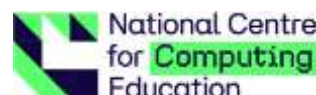
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financial concerns with regards to payment for this trip please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

Please note that the final payment of £325 should be made using Wise Pay by **Friday 1 November**.

In the past we have been very pleased with the behaviour of our students on residential fieldwork. We like to treat our sixth formers as young adults and expect them to behave responsibly and with consideration to others at all times.

I would be grateful if you could complete the online [Conduct Form](#) by **Friday 20 September**. Could I also ask that any dietary requirements and a mobile telephone number for your child are also completed on this form.

Information on students for this trip will be taken from the school database for the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact, dietary and medical information. Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app by **Friday 1 November**.

Yours sincerely

R Burn

Mr R Burn
Head of Geography Department