



6th March 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip **Osmington Bay, October 2024**

As part of the Geography GCSE, students need to complete two sets of fieldwork; one in a river or coastal environmental and the second in a rural or urban environment. This is a requirement for Paper 3, which students will be sitting in June 2025.

To ensure students have the best possible experience of fieldwork, the Geography Department are delighted to announce we will be taking the Year 10 Geographers to Osmington Bay in Dorset to complete the coastal fieldwork and then to Weymouth to complete the urban fieldwork. The coursework will be led by experts from PGL, supported by the Geography Department and other staff from the School.

The full itinerary for the trip is still being put together, however, we are planning to depart The Buckingham School at 08:30am on the morning of Wednesday 2nd October and return at approximately 18:00 on Friday 4th October.

Students will be staying at the PGL site at Osmington Bay and will complete 3 days of fieldwork. They will have access to specialist equipment throughout the course of the three days, as well as the expertise of the PGL fieldwork staff. Students will be staying in single-sex dormitories, sharing with 4-6 of their peers.

As well as the fieldwork activities, students will also have the opportunity to take part in the outdoor adventure activities on offer, such as Jacobs Ladder and the Zipwire.

In order for this fieldwork to be undertaken, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £345.00. This covers the cost of transport to and from the centre from The Buckingham School, all meals at the accommodation and the specialist equipment involved. Students are not required to wear school uniform for the duration of the trip, but must bring clothing suitable to wear outside in October. A full kit list will be sent out nearer the departure date.

A deposit amount of £45 will need to be paid by 5th April 2024 via ParentMail. The remaining balance will then need to be paid, also via ParentMail, according to the Payment Schedule set out below.

5th April	£45.00
5th May	£60.00
5th June	£60.00
5th July	£60.00
5th August	£60.00
5th September	£60.00

There is no obligation to make a voluntary contribution and no child will be excluded from the trip. However, it will be necessary to have sufficient contributions to cover the cost in order for the trip to go ahead. If you

are worried that you are unable to meet the cost of this trip, then please make an appointment to discuss this as soon as possible.

Should you have any issues accessing ParentMail, please email our Finance Team at finance@buckinghamschool.org.

Nearer to the date of the trip, you will be sent a Trip / Medical Consent Form via email from a company called Evolve (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there); please ensure this is completed and submitted by the requested date. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form.

More information about this trip will come out in due course, however, in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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