

Educate for life

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to write to you with details of our forthcoming Geography fieldtrip to investigate the impact of coastal management on coastal processes and communities in Cowes.

Whilst we wait for confirmation about the OfQual proposals for 2022 for assessment in Geography, we believe in the importance of fieldwork and especially fieldwork that links to our local context. As part of the requirements of Paper 2 (UK Geographical Issues) students are required to reflect and answer exam questions about the stages of a fieldwork enquiry. Students will therefore participate in a fieldtrip in order to gather information and collect data. In class, students will have already prepared their choice of enquiry, considered the methods of data collection and the data collected on the fieldtrip will form the basis of the data presentation, analysis, and evaluation. The exam questions that will require this information will range from 2 to 8 marks and will focus on coastal processes and coastal management strategies. Accurate data collection is therefore paramount and students will be expected to complete a beach transect and make observations about coastal management strategies. At no point will the students be required to enter the water.

The visit will take place either on Wednesday 7th, Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th July (depending on class group) during periods 3-5. We will walk to Cowes Parade from school leaving at 11.00am and will walk along to Egypt Point before returning to school via Mornington Road by 2.45pm. Students will be expected to bring a packed lunch, as eating facilities cannot be guaranteed, although they may choose to purchase an ice cream (weather and café opening time permitting).

Students are expected to work hard during the fieldtrip. Please note that during the fieldtrip students will receive partial supervision while collecting data. At the end of this partial supervision, students will be given a return time and location. We will be taking one class at a time and will endeavour to maintain social distancing at all times. If you are in any way unhappy with these arrangements you should not give permission for your child to go on this trip.

No special equipment is required for the trip, although students do not have to wear school uniform but are advised to bring sensible shoes as the ground may be uneven, sun cream to protect against the sun and a coat will be required in case of rain.

Thank you for your support and I would be grateful if you could return the parental consent form to Mrs Wiltshire by Monday 5th July. If you need any further clarification do not hesitate to contact the Geography Department on 203103.

Yours sincerely



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