

Dear parent / carer

Firstly, we would like to congratulate the students on completing the demanding first year of A-level study. They have faced the challenges admirably and developed excellent skills, enabling them to manage their work load and engage in lessons with focus, determination and a willingness to contribute and challenge the concepts we are studying. We are making excellent progress through the course in both the human and physical units and are on schedule to complete all elements of the course in time for a thorough revision focus before the exam season begins.

A major requirement of the Geography course is ensuring the students complete at least 4 days of fieldwork. We would like to complete the first of these days on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, focussing primarily on the coastal element of the course. We are asking students to travel independently to meet Mrs Eriksson at 9:30am in Bonchurch at the corner of St Boniface Road and Trinity Road (the students will be provided with a map showing this location and this will be discussed in class). From here, the students will be under teacher supervision and will walk to Monks Bay and then on to Ventnor Haven. The trip will be fundamental in supporting the students' study of coastal areas and offer an opportunity to practise data collection techniques, many of which they will need to use again for their NEA study. Once at Ventnor Haven, the students will make their way home independently, leaving Ventnor at approximately 3:30pm (or earlier if all of the tasks have been completed). Teacher supervision will end once the students are dismissed.

It would be beneficial for the students to investigate bus times (if they are using public transport), prior to the trip to ensure that we can time the end of our day with the appropriate bus time for them to get home. Suitable clothing and footwear are really important, especially as we will be working on the beach and doing a fair amount of walking. At no point in the day should the students enter the sea. We are of course hoping for good weather so sun cream would be a useful addition. The students may want to bring money to purchase a drink or snack. Otherwise, we would advise bringing a packed lunch and plenty of water.

Mrs Eriksson will be taking the school mobile phone with her and can be contacted on **07891 191882** during the course of the fieldtrip. Mobile phone reception in the area we will be visiting can be limited but the phone will be checked regularly. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate in getting in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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