

14 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Subject Year 10 Geography GCSE Field Trip – Thursday 11th June 2020**

On Thursday 11th June 2020, your son/daughter will be required to attend a Geography GCSE Field Trip. This field trip is an essential component of the course as Geographical Skills make up 25% of the allocated question marks in the final GCSE Geography examinations. The field work will also help them develop the interpretative, evaluative and analytical skills which form a further 35% of the allocated examination marks.

On the day, students should meet in the 'Quad' at 8am for a prompt departure by Coach. They will return to school at approximately 4pm. The field trip will take place at the Field Study Centre at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford.

Students will investigate sustainable urban communities and environment. Focusing on East Village, the students will use the Egan wheel as a tool for assessing sustainability. Through primary data collection and secondary resources, students will assess the location against the eight characteristics of a sustainable community.

Students should wear school uniform. Students are to bring appropriate wet weather jackets in the situation of bad weather forecast. A digital camera/camera phone, clipboard, colour pencils, pen/pencil etc. are essential for collecting data.

The cost of the trip is £31.70 funded by voluntary contributions. It will only be possible to run the trip if the level of support from parents is sufficient. If you are experiencing financial hardship and this is likely to prevent your child attending, please contact me. The school has some funds available to facilitate student participation in these circumstances.

Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. **Cash and Cheques will not be accepted.** Please log onto the system ([www.squidcard.com](http://www.squidcard.com)) and select the 'trips/activities purse'. This trip will be clearly visible **Yr 10 Geography Urban Fieldwork 2020** and must be specifically selected in order to make payment. Please follow the instructions on screen, most importantly you must **tick the consent box and supply medical/emergency contact information** to proceed. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made.

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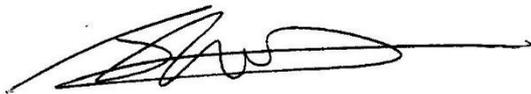
It is very important that payment is made before the stated deadline of 9am on 14 February 2020.. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions. Regretfully, a failure to pay promptly may result in your son or daughter being removed from the trip.

Vyners School has in place detailed procedures for ensuring that trips are well planned and that the health, welfare and safety of students is protected. A careful and written risk assessment has been prepared for this trip and adequate student supervision and insurance arrangements will be put in place.

It is expected that all students will observe the highest standard of politeness, courtesy and conduct at all times. Our students are representing Vyners School and it is expected that they will do everything in a way that reflects positively on themselves and the school. The School's Behaviour Policy continues to be in force throughout the trip. Should it prove necessary to send a student home for misbehaviour, parents / carers will be expected to meet all extra costs incurred. In the event of a student being refused participation on a trip before departure because of poor behaviour, any contributions already paid will also be

I would like to stress that this is an important part of the GCSE exam preparation. I trust that you will also remind your son/daughter that they will be expected to work very hard on the day and their data will be required for follow up back at school. If you have any queries at all please email me at [sbrown@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:sbrown@vynersschool.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Brown', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms S Brown  
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