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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Fieldwork at the Slapton Ley Field Centre – 11-15 November 2024 – Further Details

I am pleased that your daughter/son is able to participate in the Geography residential field course in South Devon and thank you for your payment of the first instalment.

Please could you ensure that the [Code of Conduct form](#) is completed by Thursday 24 October so that we can pass dietary requirements to the field centre, and please make the final payment of £325 by Friday 1 November using the WisePay system.

Travel arrangements have now been made for the student and staff group between London Paddington and the fieldwork centre. Students are expected to make their own way between their home and London Paddington. This is to allow a more direct route, cutting out the journey to school.

It is of the utmost importance that students arrive at Paddington in good time to travel on the pre-booked rail service. Late arrival may lead to a student making their own way to Totnes Station and incurring additional costs, which the school cannot meet. Therefore, I request that all students meet outside the entrance to Platform 1 at 9.30am on Monday 11 November in order to make the 10.30am train in good time. Please be aware that London Underground (and some overground services) may be affected by poor running. It is highly recommended that students consult the Transport for London website and plan their journey carefully (including alternative routes) to ensure they arrive in good time.

We request that students pack light so they can move their own case across London as well as on and off the train.

The return journey is on Friday 15 November at 1.42 pm from Totnes, which arrives in London Paddington at around 4.29pm. My intention is to dismiss students at this point and allow them to make their own way home.

In case of travel difficulties on either journey students should ensure they have saved the Geography department contact number (07501 754 680) onto their phones prior to travel.

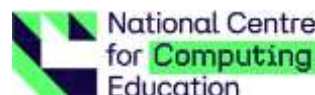
All travel in Devon is using the fieldwork centre's vehicles and drivers which include pickup and delivery to Totnes Station on days of travel.

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For your information we will be staying at the following address:

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Slapton

Kingsbridge

Devon TQ7 2QP

Centre Emergency contact telephone number: 01548 580 466

Geography Department Contact Number: 07501 754 680

We hope to enjoy good weather while on fieldwork but will be out whatever the conditions and a kit list is below. It should also be noted that it is not advisable to bring individual items of high value and that students take full responsibility for their property and money. Students will have access to shops and occasions to spend money in urban areas but will not need more than £60 for snacks, gifts, etc.

Yours sincerely

R Burn

Mr R Burn
Head of Geography

What to bring on Geography Field Course

- Plastic box for packed lunch and drink container (flask if desired)
- Small rucksack *
- 1 pair of strong shoes or walking boots (water resistant and good grip)
- 1 pair of trainers for the evening
- 2 jumpers or fleeces
- At least two warm shirts/long sleeve tops
- 2 pairs of trousers for the day (NB. jeans are horrible when wet)
- Trousers for the evening
- Warm hat, scarf and gloves
- Waterproof jacket and trousers *
- Pyjamas
- Underwear
- Towel (large)
- Toiletries
- Plenty of socks
- A few T shirts
- A couple of sweatshirts
- Sunblock, sunhat etc – just in case!
- Torch

All this should fit in a hold-all or small case.

Please do not bring large cases as you will have to carry it across London and fit in on a packed train.

Work Gear:

- Notebook (strong one)
- Folder
- Clipboard
- Lined paper
- Coloured pencils
- Pens, pencils, rubber, ruler etc
- Large clear polythene bag for keeping clipboard dry while writing

* indicates that an item may be hired at the Centre for a small charge