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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Geography Field Trip to Beckenham Place Park – April/May 2025

As part of the Geography curriculum at Newstead Wood School, Year 8 students investigate river environments. To get the most out of this topic, the Geography department will be running a one-day field trip to investigate the physical processes of the River Ravensbourne in Beckenham Park Place.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to carry out the collection of scientific measurements in a real-world environment and apply critical thinking to their observations. The trip is run in association with the **Field Studies Council** fieldwork centre at **Beckenham Place Park**. Their highly trained professional tutors will lead the day in both the collection and analysis of student collected data, which will not only boost students' geographical understanding but also provide strong cross-curricular links to science and engineering.

The arrangements for this trip will involve travelling as a group from school to Beckenham Place Park fieldwork centre. Students should register as usual when they come to school, and we will leave during Period 1. To return, students will be dismissed at 4.00pm from Orpington station to make their way home. Alternatively, if you would like your child to travel home independently from Beckenham Junction or a station along the Orpington line please complete this [form](#) by **Friday 13 December 2024**. If this form is not completed your child will be expected to return to Orpington Station with the staff on the trip.

The Geography Department contact number during the day will be 07501 754680, or you may contact school on 01689 853626.

The cost of this trip is **£30 per student**. This covers travel costs there, the provision of wellington boots and waterproofs, the use of the equipment, classrooms, computers and the tutors at Beckenham Place Park fieldwork centre. If you have any concerns regarding the cost of this trip please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence before the deadline.

To manage access to the field centre and river, classes have been divided across three days.

Thursday 24 April	8W and 8S
Monday 28 April	8N and 8G
Friday 2 May	8F and 8P

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Students will need to be prepared for the weather. As such the following equipment is required:

- Suitable clothing: sensible top, jumper and trousers/leggings. Jeans are not recommended as they are heavy and cold when wet and take a long time to dry.
- Sensible footwear for walking: trainers or walking boots.
- Wellington boots: these can be borrowed from the centre, but students might prefer the fit of their own.
- Waterproof Coat (and trousers if available).
- Small rucksack for use during the day, suitable for lunch, personal items and spare clothing such as socks or tracksuit bottoms.
- No handheld bags please, as students will need their hands free to work near a river and use the equipment.
- Stationery e.g. pens, pencils, notebook, calculator and clipboard if you have one.
- Personal medicines (e.g. asthma inhalers, EpiPens, hay fever tablets). All students requiring asthma inhalers or EpiPens must have two with them, one of which can be the one stored in school.

If you agree to the above arrangements, please make a payment of £30 for the Year 8 Geography Rivers Trip via WisePay by **Friday 13 December 2024**. Please be aware that payments are non-refundable and that payment constitutes permission for this trip. The field centre has strict cancellation terms, so it is crucial that the deadline is adhered to. **The department regrets that payment will not be possible after the deadline and that a lack of financial contributions may lead to the cancellation of the trip.**

Student information for these trips will be taken from the school database including emergency contact and medical information. Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app. If your daughter has any medication, such as an asthma pump/EpiPen, please ensure they have this with them for the trip – we will also take the medication that is stored in school. If school does not have any stored medication, please ensure your daughter has enough medication with them; for asthma pumps and EpiPens this is two per person.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Meader
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