

21st May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Y8 Fieldwork Visit to the Quantocks 17/18/19/20/21 June 2019

The Geography Department intends to take Y8 to the Quantock Hills for a one day fieldwork visit in support of the Rivers and Landscapes unit of work. Classes will go according to the schedule below and the coach will leave at **9.00am** and should return to school by **3.15pm**.

Monday 17 th June	8TGD (Mrs Scrivens)	8TGH (Mr Cooper)
Tuesday 18 th June	8TGC (Miss Doel)	8TGE (Mr Newbery)
Wednesday 19 th June	8TGI (Mr Newbery)	8TGJ (Mr Cooper)
Thursday 20 th June	8TGG (Mr Newbery)	8TGF (Mrs Scrivens)
Friday 21 st June	8TGA (Mr Cooper)	8TGB (Mrs Scrivens)

The day will consist of a journey by coach, a visit to the top of the Quantock ridge and a walk beside a small river flowing down Holford Combe. As there will be no opportunity to buy food or drink during the day, students will need a packed lunch and plenty to drink (in a plastic bottle). Students will be working with stream water and therefore will not be allowed to eat or drink for part of the day until their hands are clean to avoid any possibility of infection. Any students who have free school meals should collect lunch from Bailey before leaving. Students should wear suitable clothing, footwear suitable for a walk in the country (trainers or walking boots), a waterproof coat, fleece and sun block (depending on the forecast). They must wear long trousers, regardless of the weather, to avoid the possibility of infection from sheep ticks.

The Geography Department have run this fieldwork day for many years and have always found that the day is successful with students achieving considerable benefit from the experience. However, we would be grateful if you could reinforce our instructions that students should be sensible and aware that the normal school rules apply throughout the visit.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£6.50** per student to cover travel costs. However, should the school not receive enough voluntary contributions we may have to cancel the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this valuable visit our preferred method of payment, using a credit/debit card over the Internet, is via Tucasi Online Payments. Please contact the Finance Office if you have not managed to create your Tucasi account. Alternatively, please return payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School with your child's name, tutor group and trip/event on the reverse) to the Finance Office at break only, 11.10-11.30am, by **Friday 14th June**.

Pupil Premium students, for whom the contribution is waived, must inform the Finance Office of their intention to attend by the deadline date.

Yours sincerely



Mr Cooper
Geography Department