



February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Geography Fieldwork Trip - Thursday 28th March 2019 (INVEST Day 4)

During Term 4 and 5 all Year 8 students will study a coasts and a tourism topic in Geography. Both of these topics lend themselves to fieldwork activities; an important component of KS 3 Geography.

Fieldwork helps students to develop a better understanding of the theories involved and allows them an opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real life case study.

So, we are organising Geography Fieldwork for all Year 8 students in Weston-Super-Mare on 28th March 2019.

The fieldwork will help students to develop the following skills:

- Collection, analysis and communication of a range of primary data
- Interpreting a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical, quantitative and qualitative skills.

Fieldwork in Weston-Super-Mare allows the students to study the impact of tourism on a seaside resort as well as investigating coastal processes taking place. During the trip students will also have access to the Grand Pier – we have included the £1 entry price in the overall cost.

The outcome of the trip will be a mini fieldwork project that students will have time in school to complete on their return. This will be assessed in line with the 9-1 GCSE grading and the beginning, developing, mastering and exceeding criteria.

Venue:	Weston-Super-Mare seafront, North Somerset
Depart:	8.45am from DRHS (register as normal in school)
Arrive back at school:	3.15pm (school buses as normal)
Uniform:	Non-school uniform (please be prepared for all weathers)
Refreshments:	Packed lunch, drinks and snacks.
Advisable:	Sun cream, sun hat, waterproof and trainers
Money:	Students may wish to bring a little money for additional snacks or souvenirs but this will be their own responsibility

In order to finance the trip we must ask for a voluntary contribution of **£6.50**. Your daughter will not be denied a place on this trip if a payment is not received; however, the school will not be able to proceed with the visit unless there are enough voluntary contributions to finance it.

If your daughter is in receipt of Free School Meals, or has been at some stage since she joined the school, or either parent is an active member of the Armed Forces then please contact Mrs Kittle, kittler@denmarkroad.org, as we have additional funding available in the form of Pupil Premium and Service Premium to help in this instance. Please make the payment, or contact Mrs Kittle, by **Friday 1st March 2019** please.

Yours sincerely

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