



Parkfield School

Hurn
Christchurch
Dorset
BH23 6DF

Email: office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk
Website: www.parkfieldschool.org
Telephone: 01202 208370/07825 988666
Principal: Mr. Ian Golding

Monday 10th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geography Coastal Fieldwork Trip

We are very pleased to be able to take our Year 10 students to Hengistbury Head on Tuesday 25th September. As part of the GCSE studies this is an exciting opportunity for the students to apply what they are learning in lessons to a real life situation. This element of the GCSE is compulsory; all pupils are expected to attend. The knowledge gained on the day will be the basis of the third Geography GCSE exam next summer.

The fieldtrip will be based at the Head, using both sides of the coastline. Students will be collecting data about how the beach is affected by the physical processes, with a focus on coastal management strategies. We will be working at the water's edge, however, wellington boots will not be necessary.

All safety precautions will be taken to ensure that the students do not have any problems while working close to the water. We will check weather conditions prior to the trip and we may need to cancel if it is deemed unsafe.

Students must be dressed in suitable clothing for fieldwork. Due to a moderate risk of ticks and Lyme disease, open footwear and bare arms and legs are not advisable. Appropriate clothing and protection includes waterproofs / warm clothing / sun protection/sensible footwear. We will be working outdoors for the whole session so it is important that students are prepared for whatever the weather may be on the day.

Students need to be provided with a packed lunch. Students entitled to free school meals will have their lunch provided. Students will need to register with their tutor as normal at 8.25am then meet in the canteen at 8.50am. We will return to school at 3pm to be back in time for normal transport.

Please keep this letter as it includes important information that your child will need on the day of the trip. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Walton on l.walton@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss Walton
CL Geography