



Fulford School

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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Year 10 Geography fieldwork

As part of your child's GCSE Geography course they must experience carrying out fieldwork on two separate occasions – once about physical geography and the second about human geography. The physical geography fieldwork will be the major fieldwork, as it will cover human interactions on a physical environment. Students will then refer to their fieldwork in exam *Paper 3: Geographical applications*, Section B. The questions will cover aspects such as fieldwork planning, evaluating data collection methods, analysing data, presenting data, conclusions / links with theoretical concepts and reflecting upon the experience.

The setting for fieldwork has always been important to the Geography teachers at Fulford School, so the locations of Malham Cove and Gordale Scar in the Yorkshire Dales have been chosen as the main area for the fieldwork. Students never fail to be impressed by such amazing landscapes, which make them some of the most spectacular sites in the UK – our route was voted by the BBC as the third best walk in the UK! Students will be expected to measure different aspects of the streams, for example width, depth and velocity. They will also be expected to make more qualitative recordings such as annotated field sketches, written descriptions and photographs. They will be based in teaching classes, but will work in smaller sub-groups so that they all get to experience the fieldwork for themselves. They will visit several sites to investigate how the characteristics of streams change. This fieldwork will also help them with developing their knowledge for the *Physical landscapes in the UK* part of the course, which includes a whole section about river landscapes.

The chosen streams are usually shallow and easily accessible, which enables students to stand in them with Wellington boots to make the measurements. Other specialist fieldwork equipment will be provided. Each student will need: a pair of water tight Wellington boots, waterproof jacket, warm layers, warm hat, gloves, sun hat, sun cream, clip board / folder to lean on, pencils, pens, packed lunch, drink, small amount of money, and rucksack. It is recommended that students should take a pair of trainers with a good grip that they can change into, as the group will be completing a three mile walk once the river measurements have been completed. At this stage students would carry their boots in an extra bag if they do not fit into their rucksack. Students may also wish to bring anti-bacterial hand-gel. Bringing a mobile phone that is used for the purpose of recording fieldwork information is fine, but it is the student's own responsibility to look after it and use it properly e.g. to take photos of the landforms / processes, using the GPS to locate the sites, using the stopwatch to record velocity of the water or texting to update parents / carers when we will get back to Fulford School.

Students in **10A and 10B** will go on the trip on **Thursday 14th June** and students in **10C** will go on **Friday 15th June**. It is important that students stay in these groups, as the write up back in class will reflect what each individual class did on the fieldwork day.



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Thursday 14 th June	Friday 15 th June
10A Miss Goodall, 10B1 Mr Morris / Mrs Butcher, 10B2 Miss Frame & 10D Miss Brady	10C1 Miss Brady, 10C2 Miss Frame & 10C3 Mr Hickling

Students should meet on the basketball courts in their Geography classes at **8.45am**. We will wait for the school buses to arrive if it is after this time. Transport will be provided by Ingleby's Coaches. We should arrive back at Fulford School at **6.30pm**. Students will be able to text to give a more precise time.

If you agree for your son/daughter to participate on the trip, please would you complete and return the consent form below in a sealed envelope to the School Office by **Friday 11th May**. The cost of the trip is £15.00, which includes the cost of travel and an extensive range of resources that will help students with their GCSE course. Please make cheques payable to Fulford School Fund and write your child's name, form and 'Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trip' on the back of the cheque. Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1996 the school cannot make a direct charge for the trip. We are however permitted to ask for voluntary contributions towards the trip. We reserve the right to cancel the visit if insufficient funds are available. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, simply return the reply slip below indicating this is the case. This is a great educational opportunity for your child and I hope that he / she is able to attend.

Please note: all students have access to our extra-curricular activities and reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure each student's full inclusion in this trip. Please contact Mr Bodey, Deputy Headteacher, if you think that this may be needed for your child.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr P. Hickling
Curriculum Leader for Geography

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Geography field trip to the Yorkshire Dales. I enclose a cheque/cash for **£15.00**.

Student name: _____ Form: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____