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Dear Parent/Carer   January 2018

Re: Year 11 Geography fieldwork

As part of your child's GCSE Geography course they must experience carrying out fieldwork. The new GCSE course has different assessment and fieldwork demands compared with the old course, as it does not require students to complete a controlled assessment to write up their fieldwork over several months. Instead students will carry out their fieldwork on two separate occasions – once about Physical Geography and the second about Human Geography.

The Physical Geography fieldwork was completed last summer and it is now time to embark on the Human Geography fieldwork. Our focus for this work is going to be Urban Geography and this will take place in York. Students will be expected to collect both quantitative and qualitative data in specific locations across the city. They will be based in teaching classes, but will often work in smaller sub-groups so that they all get to experience the fieldwork for themselves. They will visit several sites to investigate how and why environmental characteristics of an urban area can vary. This fieldwork will a help them with developing their knowledge for the *Urban Change in the UK* part of the course, which includes a whole section about sustainable urban environments and environmental quality.

Each teaching class will follow a prescribed route with which their teacher will be familiar. No specialist equipment will be needed but each student will need: a pair of strong walking shoes or trainers, waterproof jacket, warm layers, warm hat, gloves, clip board / folder to lean on, pencils, pens, packed lunch, drink, small amount of money and 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; using the GPS to locate the sites; using a Decibel App to measure noise pollution or texting to update parents / carers when we will get back to Fulford School.

Students in **11C** will go on the trip on **Thursday 1st March** and students in **11A and 11D** will go on **Friday 2nd March.** 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.

Thursday 1st March	Friday 2nd March
11C1 – Mrs Butcher, 11C2 - Mr Hickling / Mrs Butcher, 11C3 – Mr Morris / Miss Brady and 11C4 Miss Frame.	11A1 – Miss Frame, 11A2 – Mr Morris and 11D – Mr Hickling.

Students should meet on the basketball courts in their Geography classes at **8.35am.** We will wait for the school buses to arrive if it is after this time.We should arrive back at Fulford School at the normal finish time of **3.25pm.**

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 2nd February 2018**. There will be no cost for this trip. 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 sincerely

Mr P. Hickling
Curriculum Leader for Geography

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Geography field trip to the city of York at the beginning of March.

Student name: _____   Form: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____