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**All Year 10 Geography Students**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Educational Visit to Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, Shropshire Hills – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April or Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

I am writing to inform you that your child is required to participate in an educational visit as part of their fieldwork investigations in Geography. You may be aware that 30% of the overall Geography GCSE is based around fieldwork skills on both Physical and Human aspects. All preparation sessions for this fieldwork will be conducted in school before this date.

You will also be aware that there will be two fieldwork opportunities during the GCSE course. The Physical fieldwork will take place at Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, Shropshire Hills. Here, students will be investigating the changes in a river course as it moves downstream and will be investigating human impacts on the landscape. This will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April for groups 10A1 and 10A2** and **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April for groups 10B and 10C**. This will require a full day out in the field. Students will be required in school for normal time and will get their mark in form. They will then meet in the 'Atrium' after getting their mark and we will leave for **9:00am** and we will be back on site at approximately **3.00pm** (dependent on traffic). Students will need to bring their own packed lunch and plenty of water as it may be a warm day. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch if requested. Students will be eating their lunch out in the field. Students should also wear appropriate clothing for April, check the weather nearer the time for more detail. Uniform is not required, but students should also aim to bring wellington boots as well as strong shoes/walking boots. We will be in and out of rivers and walking from site to site.

The students will be briefed on risk assessment at the site and all travel arrangements prior to the visit. We will also discuss clothing and footwear with them. They will need to bring a pen/pencil as they will be recording data all day in the field.

I wrote to you in October last year. Many of you took the opportunity to buy a revision guide and pay for the trips in one go. So as we have the money available – there is no additional charge for this trip. If you still haven't made the payments the finance team will be in touch.

Students may bring mobile phones for the purpose of contacting parents/carers to confirm their return time. During the day mobile phones should be kept safe and in bags, as we will be working around water and moving from site to site.

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

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Perry  
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