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All Year 11 Geography Students

Dear Parent/Carer

Educational Visit - Urban Landscapes: Wolverhampton - Monday 16th November/Friday 20th November 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 has already taken place in Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, Shropshire Hills back in April 2026. Here, students investigated the changes in a river course as it moves downstream. In this fieldwork opportunity, we focus on the Human elements of fieldwork. This will take place in Wolverhampton. We will start the day with a transect through Wolverhampton, starting in Pattingham and working our way in to the city centre to see how land use and quality changes. The students will then complete a self-guided tour of Wolverhampton City Centre to look at opportunities and challenges in an urban landscape as well as the regeneration projects that are taking place around the city.

This will take place on **Monday 16th November 2026 for groups 11B and 11C & Friday 20th November for 11A1 and 11A2.** Students will be required in school for normal time and will get their mark in form. They will then meet in the 'Atrium' and we will leave for **9.00am** and we will be back on site at approximately **2.00pm** (dependent on traffic and in time for Period 5). Students will need to bring their own packed lunch and a drink. They might want to take the opportunity to buy their own food in the city if they wanted to. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch if requested. Students should also wear their normal school uniform and normal school shoes (because they will be in normal lessons Period 5) – but must ensure that they have a warm jacket/waterproof just in case the weather is poor.

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

Students may bring mobile phones for the purpose of taking photos out in the field. They will also be given access to the **emergency school mobile** in case they run into any difficulties out in the field.

All payments have already been made and taken in Year 10 – so nothing to worry about from a financial point of view.

May I also take the opportunity to let you know that GCSE Geography Revision will start in room C101/C102 on Friday 6th November 2026 from 8.00am – 8.30am. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the forthcoming mock exams in Geography.

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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Curriculum Leader for Geography