



31 January 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians

Re: Isle of Wight: Geotechnical Field Course

The Geology Department is planning to organise a trip for Year 13 pupils to the structural geology sites of the Isle of Wight. This is an excellent opportunity to view and investigate the geotechnical side of the course and the dramatic landscape of the Southern Under Cliff of the IoW is a surprisingly impressive place to do so.

As part of your son's/daughter's study in Geology it is critical that we have the opportunity for practical study in the field where skills can be honed and theory applied. Whilst in the field students will also be undertaking a number of assessed tasks which will contribute to their practical endorsement and thus their attendance is critical. I would urge your son/daughter to ensure they can attend the trip and re-arrange any employment or other activity wherever possible. Regrettably with the journey taking a significant portion of the day arrival back at BWS before 18:00 is unlikely.

Date & Visit to	Contribution	Details of visit	Times	Requirements
28.02.2020 Isle of Wight: Geotechnical field course. Gore Cliff, Ventnor, St Catherine's Point	£15 for travel contribution only – this includes the minibus fuel and ferry charges	Geology field courses	Leaving (prompt) 08:45 Returning: We will aim to arrive by 18:00. This is traffic and ferry permitting	Please bring packed lunch suitable for a day in the field. Clothing must be appropriate for the time of year, i.e. multiple layers are essential . Equally sturdy footwear is often necessary given the terrain. Students will be briefed before each trip with a list of specifics where required. Please be advised that the field course will take place regardless of the weather therefore waterproofs are essential.

Deadline for payment: Friday 14 February 2020

To pay please access WisePay through your son/daughter's Insight account and select '**WisePay Finance Portal**' the item can be found under the **Trips and Visits Tab**. If you have any issues accessing WisePay please email trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk, Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment should contact the Finance Office on ext 260.

Your son/daughter will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son/daughter takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son/daughter's information.

Yours faithfully

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