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Dear Parents / Guardians

## Re: Assessed Geology Field Courses in 2018-2019

The Geology Department is planning to organise a number of visits for Year 13 pupils this academic year. Unlike in previous years the finance for these trips is being rolled into one payment to improve the efficiency for our finance team as well as save your own time.

As part of your sons / daughters 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. As such the Geology Department is very proud to offer 5 local day trips over the full A-level course as well as the option for a residential trip (details to follow in a later letter, the finance for these trips is dealt with separately). Our field programme has been carefully designed with input from Universities to offer a broad range of field sites to support in-class learning. 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.

Date & Visit to	Contribution	Details of visit	Times	Requirements
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Whatley & Frome	£23.00 for travel contribution, specific field tools and site-specific resources.	Geology field courses	Leaving (prompt) 08:50	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 <b>essential</b> . Equally sturdy footwear is often necessary given the terrain. Students will be briefed before each trip with a list of specifics where required.
7 <sup>th</sup> March: Isle of Wight Landslides			Returning: We aim for no later than 17:00 traffic permitting on all field courses	
				Please be advised that the field course will take place regardless of the weather therefore waterproofs are essential.



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**Deadline for payment:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## **PAYMENTS:**

**Please pay online via:** [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). If you need a link code please email [mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk) (link codes are only needed for online account set up)

No pupil will be barred from the trip on account of non-payment, but if total payments do not cover the cost of the trip then regrettably it will have to be cancelled.

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 takes all necessary medication with him on this trip.

Yours faithfully

Michael Thorne  
Head of Geology