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Dear Parents

Y12 and Y13 Geology Trip to Devon: Friday 29 – Sunday 31 March 2019

The Geology Department is planning a weekend field trip to Devon in the Spring of 2019 for boys and girls in both Year 12 and 13. The dates for the trip will be Friday 29 - Sunday 31 March 2019, and we will be staying at Skern Lodge, a field centre near Bideford. Whilst on the trip the students will be looking at sedimentary and igneous rocks on Dartmoor, at Bude and also at a number of other locations both on the coast and in quarries in both Devon and Cornwall. They will also be completing more than one of the Practical Assessment Tasks that are an integral part of the OCR syllabus; the trip is NOT compulsory, as there will be other opportunities for the students to evidence similar skills on day trips during the A level course, but even so the learning experiences will benefit them considerably and may well impact positively on academic performance in the longer term.

There are **30 places** available for this trip and receipt of the deposit will be taken to mean you wish to take up a place on the trip. However, in the event that the trip is oversubscribed names will be drawn randomly and those pupils who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list and their payments refunded.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £150, to cover transport, full board accommodation, use of teaching facilities and entry fees. Please arrange payment of the **£50 deposit** by **Friday 7 December** so that the places at the field centre can be secured.

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

Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment of the deposit 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 them on this trip. These can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your information.

Yours sincerely

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Head Master