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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Yr12 Geography Fieldtrip to South Wales, 19-21 March 2019

As part of all A Level Geography courses, students are required to have completed 4 days of fieldwork, in different environments and relating to both Human and Physical Geography. The purpose of this is to give students a fully rounded experience and to help prepare them for their Independent Investigation (or Non-Examined Assessment, NEA) which your son will start towards the end of this academic year.

To fulfil part of this requirement, the Geography Department has organised a residential field trip to South Wales to allow all students to undertake a number of fieldwork exercises: at Craig Cerrig-gleisiad in the Brecon Beacons for the *Glacial Landscapes* unit; on Port Eynon beach on the Gower peninsula for the *Coastal Landscapes* and *Ecosystems* units; and in and around Port Eynon for the *Changing Places* unit. Two other fieldwork days will be undertaken during the Spring term.

As the school is required to confirm that every student has completed 4 days of fieldwork, if your son is unable to take part in this fieldtrip, he will need to provide proof that he has done so in his own time.

The group will travel by School minibus and stay 2 nights at the Port Eynon Youth Hostel, Swansea. There will be 2 staff accompanying the group. Accommodation at the hostel is self-catering so students will need to provide their own food for the duration of their stay. **Please note:** the cost of food is NOT included in the amount below. More details, including a kit list, will be issued in due course.

Dates	Times	Cost
From: Tuesday 19 March	Leaving: 0730	Deposit due by 28/01/2019: £50
To: Thursday 21 March	Returning: 1800	Balance due by 28/02/2019: £55

Deadline for deposit payment: £50 by Monday 28/01/2019

Deadline for balance payment: £55 by Thursday 28/02/2019

To pay please visit BWS website and click the link for the WisePay finance portal or alternatively please follow the WisePay link shown below if you have any issues accessing WisePay please email Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

WisePay:- <https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=310816>

Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment should contact the Finance Office on ext 260 or email trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk. Your son 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. Please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information.

Yours faithfully,

The Geography Department