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Dear Parents/Guardians

Yr12 Geography Fieldtrip to Snowdonia: 6-9 May 2018

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.

In order to partially fulfil these requirements, I have organised a residential field trip to Snowdonia to allow all students to undertake a number of fieldwork exercises: a full day around Llyn Llydaw on the eastern side of Mt Snowdon for the *Glacial Landscapes* unit; a full day near Dinas Dinlle for the *Coastal Landscapes* and *Ecosystems* units respectively; a half-day in Blaenau Ffestiniog and another half-day in Betws-y-Coed both of which relate to the *Changing Places* unit. The remaining day's requirement will probably be based in Salisbury at a different time.

As the school is required to confirm that every student has completed the required fieldwork, I must state that if your son is unable to take part in this fieldtrip, he will have to organise 3 days of fieldwork himself and provide proof that it has been done.

The group will travel by School minibus and stay 3 nights at the Pen y Pass Youth Hostel, Caernarfon. There will be 3 staff accompanying the group. Accommodation at the hostel is full board, though students will need to provide their own (packed) lunch on the Sunday and will need to buy themselves an evening meal on the Wednesday (at a service station). More details, including a kit list, will be issued in due course.

The full cost is £190. Details of payments together with deadlines are given below:

Dates	Times	Cost
From: Sunday 6 th May 2018	Leaving: 7am	Deposit: £75
To: Wednesday 9 th May 2018	Returning: c. 9pm	Balance: £115

Deadline for deposit payment: 30/11/2017

I'm sorry that this is so soon, but this is so we can make the initial 20% payment to the YHA for the accommodation.

Deadline for balance payment: 09/02/2018

PAYMENTS:

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

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. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal. Otherwise, please contact Sarah Hayward directly (sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk) if you need to update this information.

Yours faithfully

Mr Harmsworth