



March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Geography - Fieldwork days

We are writing to you regarding the fieldwork days that are an essential part of your students A level geography course. These fieldwork days provide the students with fieldwork skills and ideas needed to begin their NEA (the NEA is the coursework style element that accounts for 20% of their overall grade).

Due to the current cost of living crisis, we have made some adaptations to how these days will run this year. Instead of a residential, we will be running day trips to keep the costs as low as possible. The outline of the four days is shown below:

Date	Day	Information
Monday 10 June	Human Day	Students will visit Bristol's Harbourside and practice fieldwork skills that will help them understand the change that the Harbourside has gone through during the past 20 years. This day will be led by your student's geography teachers. Students will arrive at school for normal time 8.40 am and will be back at school for 3.10 pm.
Tuesday 11 June	Physical Day	Students will visit FSC Nettlecombe and practice fieldwork skills that link to the water and carbon cycles. This will be led by trained Field Studies Council (FSC) staff. Students will arrive at school for normal time 8.40 am and will be back for 5.30 pm.
Wednesday 12 June	Physical Day	Students will visit Porlock and practice fieldwork skills that link to coastal landscapes. This will be led by trained FSC staff. Students will arrive at school for normal time 8.40am and will be back for 5.30 pm.
Thursday 13 June	Physical Day	Students will spend the day on the school grounds and around Backwell practicing fieldwork skills for a microclimate NEA. Students will arrive at school for normal time 8.40 am and will be finished at normal time 3.10 pm.
Friday 14 June	Write up day	This day will be based in school and students will spend the day thinking about the next steps of their NEA. They will investigate how the data they have collected over the past few days can be presented and analysed. This will give them a framework and a starting point for their own investigations.

Students will be expected to attend all the days outlined above. Teachers of their other subjects will be informed that they will be missing lessons that week but, they may ask for Students to catch up on work missed.

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The total cost of the trip is £175. To support with payments, we have broken them into three monthly instalments of £75, £50 and £50. The first of these instalments will be expected on April 1 2024.

Please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system by **Monday 3 June 2024** to give your consent and make payment. If you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team on their direct line, 01275 465941.

In cases of financial assistance please contact the Finance Team via email at finance@backwellschool.net who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of free school meals or whose Parents/Carers receive Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit

Trip leaders will use the dietary and medical information that is held on SIMS. If your child has any new conditions, please get in touch with Student Services to make them aware in relation to the trip.

Yours sincerely

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