



February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork to the Quantocks

As part of your child's GCSE geography course, they are expected to complete two days' worth of fieldtrips. The first of these days will be straight after the Easter holidays to visit the River Holford in the Quantocks, to investigate the changes in the long profile of a river and practice collecting fieldwork data. The information obtained will provide the data needed for lessons following and paper three of the GCSE.

As we have a large GCSE cohort, the trip will be running on two different days. Pupils have been allocated a day with the rest of their class (see below). Please note, due to insurance purposes, and to ensure we keep within the student/staff ratio, **if a pupil cannot make the day they have been scheduled for, we will be unable to move them to a different day in the week.**

Date of trip	Class
Monday 20 th April	Mr Sales, Mrs Whitehouse and Mr Sills
Tuesday 21 st April	Mrs Turner, Mr Stubbs and Mr Hooker

We will travel to the Quantocks by coach, **leaving school during registration and returning to school by 3.10 pm** so students will be able to get home their usual way and attend after school clubs.

On the day of their trip, students should come to school dressed appropriately for a day in the hills. **They will need waterproof and windproof outerwear and stout shoes for walking. In addition to normal writing materials and a camera, your child will need a clipboard on which to rest their worksheets. As we will be out of school all day, we ask that you provide your child with a snack, packed lunch and drink.** For insurance reasons, it will not be possible to release students other than from school on their return.

Parents/Carers are asked to make a contribution of £16.50 towards the cost of the trip. Please make payments **by Tuesday 25 March 2026** via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, **which will also act as permission.** Please note that if sufficient funds are not raised for this trip it may not be able to take place.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or is Pupil Premium, financial assistance is available, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net. If you have any problems accessing the ParentPay system, again please contact the Finance Team.

Yours sincerely

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