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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Geography Field trip to Dawlish Warren, Wednesday 20 March 2024

As part of the AQA GCSE Geography syllabus, students need to carry out practical fieldwork in the Human and Physical environment because field research is a core element of the geography curriculum. The application of research skills learnt in class in real world context helps bring meaning to those techniques and greater understanding of the topics researched.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I write to inform you of the second of our two visits; our Coastal Landscapes fieldwork excursion to Dawlish Warren to review the need for, and impact of, coastal management. This will include:

- Reviewing and recording erosional, transportation and depositional processes.
- Recording qualitative and quantitative information relating to the variety of management techniques
- Recording quantitative data on the beach to determine the impact on Groynes on coastal process.

Students will have their lunch break (length determined on the day) in the Warren shop and amusement complex. This will be free time, but students must remain in a minimum group of three at all times, have access to a mobile phone within their group and adhere strictly to the instruction regarding behaviour and meeting times. Should students fail to meet the high standards of behaviour and engagement in work that we expect, they will be collected by minibus and returned to lessons in SDCC. A mobile phone number will be issued on the day for students to contact staff members.

Students will be required to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to walk on sand, for the time of year and weather forecast. They also need to carry research equipment (clipboards, pen pencil, work booklets) throughout the day in a weather resistant bag as work will not stop if it rains. They will also need to provide their own lunch (free school meals will be provided to eligible students).

On the day, students will need to gather on the **ground floor of the JMB at 8:40am** where they will be registered and prepared to leave by bus by 9am. We will return to school before the end of the school day for students to **get their normal bus home at 3:10pm. Consent from parents needs to be given for students to attend the trip** and this is completed online through the **ParentPay** process. *We ask for a voluntary contribution of £10.00* towards the cost of the trip to cover transport and that can be paid through the same ParentPay process. To aid administration and preparation for the trip we ask that the consent and payment is completed by Thursday 13 March 24.

Yours sincerely

Chris Hodges
Geography Curriculum Leader

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