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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Geography Field trip to Exeter 6 December 2023

As part of the AQA GCSE Geography syllabus, students need to carry out practical fieldwork in the Human and Physical environment as 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 our Urban Issues and Challenges fieldwork excursion to Exeter in order to review the need for, and impact of, inner-city regeneration planning. This will include:

- Recording qualitative and quantitative information in 5 areas: South Street, High Street, Princesshay, old bus station and upper Sidwell Steet areas.
- Surveying public opinion of regenerated areas.
- Experiencing city centre facilities as observant users.

Students will also have their lunch break in the City Centre. This will be free time as such, but students must remain in a minimum group of 3 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 minibuss 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 for the time of year and weather forecast, 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 (students entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch).

On the day, students will need to gather on the ground floor of the JMB at 8:40 am where they will be registered and prepared to leave by bus by 9 am. We will return to school before the end of the school day for students to get their normal bus home at 3:15 pm.

Consent from parents **needs to be given for students to attend the trip** and this is completed online through the **ParentPay** process. As this trip is a compulsory part of the geography curriculum, there is no charge for the trip as the college will cover all costs. However, if you feel you are able to give a voluntary contribution of **£10** towards the cost of the transport, we would be very grateful. This can be donated through the same ParentPay process. To aid administration and preparation for the trip we ask that the consent and payment is completed by Friday 1 December 2023.

Yours sincerely
Chris Hodges
Geography Curriculum Leader