



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Year 11 Geography Field trip to Exeter Friday 6 December 2024**

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 second field trip. This is an 'Urban Issues and Challenges' fieldwork excursion to Exeter 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 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).

Students will also have their lunch break in the City Centre. During this time they will be able to explore the city centre, but students must remain in a group of at least 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.

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 3:10 pm. **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 your support in helping to fund this trip, which the school is already subsidising. We are asking 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 **Friday 29 December 2024**. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, we may need to reconsider this trip. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely  
Emma Gallagher  
Deputy Headteacher

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