3 November 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Geography Field trip to Exeter Thursday 3 December 2026

As part of the AQA GCSE Geography syllabus, students need to carryout 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 a real world context helps bring meaning to those techniques and greater understanding of the topics researched.

Our Human Geography fieldwork excursion to Exeter will 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 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 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 8:40am 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 3:15pm.

We are excited to offer this opportunity, which promises to be both educational and enjoyable. We have worked hard to keep this as affordable as possible and, to help cover the cost of travel to and from Exeter, there is a charge of £9.06. If payment is an issue, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Clarke at jclarke@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk, as we want all students to be able to attend and finance should not be a barrier. Consent for students to attend the trip and payment can be completed online through the ParentPay process. To aid administration and preparation for the trip we ask that the consent and payment is completed by Friday 27 November 2026.

Kind regards
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