

Our ref: SWI/RKR

4 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 11 Visit to York on Thursday 5 December 2024.**

We are delighted to confirm that your child has been allocated a place on the visit to York on Thursday 5 December 2024 to support their existing knowledge as well as providing experience of fieldwork activities required at GCSE. Students will observe river management techniques and understand fieldwork data results. This fieldwork experience will build on from their Coasts visit in year 10, helping with preparation ahead of Paper 3.

Students are required to meet in the atrium at 8:10 am and will leave the academy at 8:30 am returning to the academy, between 4:30/5:00 pm dependent on traffic. As the return time is after the end of the academy day, information regarding student dismissal will be taken from the consent form sent out earlier in the year.

Fieldwork experiences are an important part of the Geography curriculum and allow students to experience the subject beyond the classroom in a way that we cannot recreate within the academy; as such, we require all students to attend. In order for the visit to go ahead, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £12.00 towards the cost of the transport.

Payment should be made via the ParentPay facility. If you are unable to access to ParentPay and require a barcoded letter to pay at a PayPoint, please email admin@stwacademy.com and a letter will be printed for the student to collect from Reception. The deadline for payment is Thursday 31 October 2024. If you are facing financial hardship and are unable to make the payment, please contact admin@stwacademy.com and a member of staff will contact you to discuss options in which we may be able to offer support.

Please also note that giving consent and making payment, does not automatically guarantee the student's participation in the visit. This is dependent on student behaviour, attendance and motivation.

Due to the nature of the day and potential changes in weather, students will not need to be in full school uniform. However, clothing and footwear worn should be smart, comfortable, and appropriate for the visit. Sensible shoes are also necessary due to the amount of walking planned for the day (trainers/walking boots would be appropriate). Students will also need a bag (school style bag will suffice), in which they can carry equipment and additional clothing. Students will require a packed lunch for the day and/or money to purchase further food should they wish to do so. If the student is in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided.

Students will be supervised by members of academy staff during the visit and there will be a trained first aider present as part of this supervision. If there are occasions on this visit where students are casually supervised, students will be briefed ahead of the visit with the meeting points, times and details on how to contact a member of academy staff in the event of an emergency.

Please provide permission for the student to attend the visit by accessing the form here: [Permission Link](#)

Yours faithfully

Mr S Wilson

**Teacher of Geography**

