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Principal: Mr M McDonald

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Dear Parents/carers,

Re: Year 13 Geography trip to Lake District

During A level Geography, students need to experience a range of fieldwork activities, one of which will allow the completion of a none examined assessment (coursework.) For this we will need to carry out a visit to the Lake District where students will experience locations which have been affected by glaciation. As such, we will be taking the students to the Lake District where they will experience a range of data collection strategies, which can then be used as part of their NEA. This will take place on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

Fieldwork experiences are an important part of the geography curriculum and allow students to experience geography beyond the classroom in a way that we cannot recreate in a classroom. As such we require all students to attend. To allow the trip to go ahead we would like to request a voluntary contribution of £20 to go towards the cost of the minibus. This can be paid through Parent Pay. Please complete the consent form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/DJrC75ynMe> and make payment by no later than 30/10/2023.

Due to the nature of the location and potential changes in weather, clothing worn should be smart, comfortable, and appropriate for the weather conditions forecast. Sturdy shoes are also necessary due to the amount of walking planned for the day (trainers/walking boots would be appropriate) and it may be worth having a change of shoes. Students will need a bag (school style bag would suffice), in which they can carry equipment and additional clothing. Students will require some food for the day and some money to purchase further food should they wish to, although these opportunities cannot be guaranteed.

Students will be meeting at school at 6.00am with the intention to depart by minibus at 6.15am and return to school between 6.00 and 6.30pm obviously depending upon traffic. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Wilson
Teacher of Geography

