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Principal: Mr M McDonald

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Dear Parents/carers,

## Re: Year 11 Geography trip to Flamborough, Hornsea and Mappleton, 28/03/2024

As part of our ongoing preparation for the GCSE Geography exams, we will be making a second field visit after the success of the York trip back in November. To support their grasp of some key ideas as well as providing experience of fieldwork activities, a requirement for the GCSE, we intend to take a trip to the east coast. This fieldwork experience will further build towards the paper 3 examination.

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 contribution of £16 to be paid on ParentPay to go towards the cost of the coach transport. Please also ensure that the consent form is completed before Thursday  $14^{th}$  March. Students will be unable to take part if this form is not complete.

We will be taking the students to Flamborough to observe some coastal landforms and features. Whilst at Hornsea, we will look at the impact of coastal defences and consider longshore drift. If time allows, we will visit the crumbling clay cliffs at Mappleton. Whilst at each location, students will be working in small teacher led groups to support the understanding of key elements.

Students will not need to be in full school uniform, however, 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, as well as some slippery surfaces and sand (trainers would be appropriate, students may wish to take boots with them to change into before going on the beach.) Students will need a bag in which they can carry equipment, additional clothing, and food if they wish.

Students should either bring a packed lunch or indeed some money with which to purchase some food. Students will have access to only a small number of options for their lunch.

Students will be departing school at 8.30am by coach and returning to school between 4.30 and 5.00pm obviously depending upon traffic.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The consent form can be completed here - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/Zm99SEupXa">https://forms.office.com/e/Zm99SEupXa</a>

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Wilson Teacher of Geography

