



29 April 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Y10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO MANCHESTER**

**Wednesday 10 June 2026 – Mr Clare and Ms Devin’s big class**

**Thursday 11 June 2026 – Mr Sixsmith, Mr Duckworth and Ms Devin’s small class**

As part of the Geography GCSE requirement, students must undertake two pieces of fieldwork, which will be assessed by questions set as part of Paper 3 in the final summer exams. To enable students to gather the necessary data to produce this work, the Geography Department proposes to run a full day field trip to Manchester for classes on the above dates to investigate land use change along a transect between Swinton and central Manchester, as part of the current Changing Cities unit. This will fulfil the Human Geography fieldwork part of the syllabus requirements.

There is a cost to cover return coach hire of £5.00 per student. Please use iPayimpact to make payments by following the link in the payment message or by going through the iPayimpact website. When payment is made online, we assume that you have provided implied consent and have agreed to the terms set out in this letter.

Any place offered on an educational visit is conditional and may subsequently be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team of the academy if a student’s presence is identified as being potentially prejudicial to the health and safety of those participating in the visit.

Students should **meet on the yard at 8.55am** on the day of their class trip to be registered and ready for a 9.05am departure at the latest. The coach is expected to **return by 3.15pm** for a normal school departure. **School uniform need not be worn**, so students should attend school in the morning already in their fieldwork clothes. As there will be a lot of walking, sensible clothes and footwear appropriate to the weather and being outside for much of the day are required.

We will need to gather data as we walk around Swinton and then from Castlefields to central Manchester. Sunscreen is advisable if it is sunny (!) and a waterproof jacket if it is wet. Students will be completing fieldwork in groups and will be asked to use their phones at times – of course, this will need to be carefully looked after by students at their own risk. If students wish to take snacks and a drink to keep their energy up as we walk, this is fine. There should be an opportunity for students to buy lunch in central Manchester before we are picked up by the coach; alternatively, they can take a packed lunch in their rucksack. We have built half an hour or so of contingency time into the day – if this is not needed for data collection, students may be allowed time to explore the Arndale shopping centre briefly.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Devin  
Head of Geography