

15 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

WYCOLLER BECK GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP – SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2026

The Geography department will be running the first of the two compulsory GCSE fieldwork trips at the end of September and into October.

The exact dates are:

Tuesday, 29 September
Monday, 5 October

Wednesday, 30 September
Thursday, 8 October

Friday, 2 October

Students will apply their River Landscapes unit to the practical element of the course and carry out a river study to test set hypotheses. This will take place along the Wycolle Beck, Wycolle.

The main aims of the visit are to support students in the study of a river landscape first-hand and allow each student to develop skills in measuring, observing and recording how river characteristics change along the long profile of a river. Students will set their own hypotheses, record their own results and then write the report in class which will support their Paper 3 GCSE examination whilst bolstering knowledge to support the River Landscape topic in Paper 1.

Students will be travelling with pre-determined groups divided across the five days. **Your child's Geography teacher will inform them which one of the five dates their classes will be going out on.** Groups cannot be changed. They should also check the Humanities notice area.

The trips will leave at 8.45am. Pupils should **arrive to school no later than 8.30am** and meet in the Humanities foyer. If a pupil is late, they will unfortunately miss the essential fieldwork as we will not be able to transfer them to different date due to minibus capacity. We will return by 3.10pm, in time for the school buses.

At Priory, we believe in trying to maximise the learning experience of each pupil so the groups will be small in number, and each supported by teachers. Students will be working in groups of four or five on the day.



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We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of the trip to cover fuel, printing and equipment. Please log onto SCOPay to consent that you are happy for your child to attend. Payment can be made at the same time. Please do this **no later than Thursday, 24 September.**

Students will be outside all day and working in the river, carrying out measuring and investigative techniques and so will be a non-uniform day. Sensible, practical clothing is advised for the activity and I will keep students informed via Teams and lessons of the weather forecast.

Clothes that are advised are:

- Waterproof coat
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Wellington boots
- Waterproof footwear / walking shoes (please do not wear their best trainers)
- Rucksack to carry additional clothing / waterproof and lunch

There are no shops or café outlets at Wycoller, so a packed lunch and a bottle of water are essential. Students should bring writing equipment. There are toilets on site.

If the weather or river conditions are poor or deemed not to be safe, then an alternative date will be offered. Students will be informed of this in lesson, or via Teams, in the event of a trip cancellation on the eve of the trip.

Prior to the trip, I must ask that you inform the school of any recent updates to emergency contacts and medical conditions we may not already be aware of. Please note, asthma sufferers or pupils requiring medication must bring a spare inhaler/medication and hand the named/labelled items to me prior to us leaving.

Yours faithfully



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