



25 May 2021

Dear Parent,

## GCSE Geography Field Studies

As part of their Geography GCSE Examination all candidates must conduct both a Physical and Human field study. This is then examined in their Paper 3 exam, which is worth 30% of their final GCSE grade.

The first field study is due to take place on 21/06 and 22/06 dependant on your child's teaching group. This field study is to investigate how the characteristics of the River Marshaw Wyre and its tributaries change over distance downstream. The field study consists of students entering the river to measure the velocity, width, depth and sediment size.

The second study due to take place on 07/07 for all students and will consist of travelling to Liverpool to investigate the impacts of Urban Regeneration around Liverpool One and the Albert Dock. Students will also visit the area surrounding the Museum of Liverpool to understand how Liverpool has developed as a city over time.

To follow both trips up, students will be completing work in school hours and as homework as to prepare them for their Paper 3 examination in summer 2022.

For both trips we will be travelling by coach, leaving school at 8.45am and returning to school for 3pm. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch unless they are entitled to a free school meal.

For the river investigation students are expected to attend in suitable clothing as they will be entering the river to take measurements, so wellington boots are recommended, but are not required as long as students wear sturdy footwear they are happy to get wet.

For the Liverpool investigation students are expected to wear School uniform as it is a busy environment and this ensures easy student identification.

Students will need to bring a suitable coat as weather conditions can vary. It is important that students who are currently on medication for asthma etc. have this with them.

Please be aware that there are **no** toilet facilities at the river, although a coach with toilet facilities has been requested.

In order to cover the basic costs, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10.00, payable through our online payment system, which would be gratefully received. (If the number of the contributions is insufficient, we may need to make some adjustments to the nature of these studies.)

As per Covid-19 Guidelines students will be required to sit in their classroom seating plan for track and trace purposes. Students will also be required to sanitise their hands before entering the coach, after the coach journey as well as before and after eating. Alongside these measures face coverings will be necessary for the journey unless the student is exempt, as well as inside public buildings. The majority of both fieldwork opportunities are outside, so a mask is not required be worn in these areas.

Should any unforeseen circumstances occur to warrant the trips being cancelled, then Plan B would be for pupils to stay in school and attend normal lessons.

### **Overall**

**Cost:** £10 voluntary contribution

**Expectations:** As representatives of Wellfield High School, students shall behave in a polite and considerate manner at all times in accordance with the Behaviour Policy. The decisions and instructions of staff must be entirely respected and followed at all times.

### **River Study**

**Date:** 10A – 21/06

10C – 22/06

**Time:** 8.45am to 3.00pm

**Travel:** Students will travel by coach.

**Lunch:** A packed lunch is required, unless in receipt of free school meals

**Clothing:** Students must wear appropriate clothing and footwear with appropriate outdoor clothing.

### **Liverpool Study**

**Date:** Both Classes – 07<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 8.45am to 3.00pm

**Travel:** Students will travel by coach.

**Lunch:** A packed lunch is required unless in receipt of free school meals

**Clothing:** Students must wear school uniform and appropriate outdoor clothing.

**Please return the attached permission slip and medical form to Mr Murray by June 11<sup>th</sup>.** If a completed permission slip has not been received by the due date your son/daughter will not be able to participate on this educational visit and this will be detrimental to their GCSE grade.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr D Murray*



## Educational and Reward Visits / Trips Terms and Conditions

### Payments

All visits based on particular curriculum subjects and essential to following the course are funded on a voluntary contributions basis. These contributions are required in order for trips to run. Any visit deemed to be a reward trip or not essential to following the curriculum has to be paid for in full.

### How to make Online Payments

- Please log into your account and select the trip and enter the amount due.
- Add the trip to the basket, click proceed to basket, then checkout.
- At checkout you can view your details and then click process payment.
- You are then directed to the secure payment page where you can enter your debit card details and make payment

### Behaviour

All students must adhere to the School's Behaviour Policy (available on the website). If members of staff have serious prior concerns about the behaviour of a student or they have been internally or externally excluded, Wellfield High School reserve the right to withdraw them from the trip and payments will not be refundable. In the event of a serious behavioural incident on the trip, appropriate sanctions will be implemented. It is possible that we may feel it necessary to send a child home. In this unlikely event, parents/carers will be wholly responsible for the financial implications.

### Consent

If a completed permission slip and payment (if required) has not been received by the due date the student will not be able to participate on the educational visit or trip. Handwritten notes/letters or verbal consent will not be accepted.

You may also email your consent to [enquires@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@whs.lancs.sch.uk). Please note for security purposes only a recognised email address from our Management Information System will be used to acknowledge your consent or refusal. The email must confirm any changes to the medical and emergency contact information.

### Transport Arrangements for Visits Returning out of School Hours

If the trip returns to school after the end of the school day, students will not be able to use the normal school bus service and will need to arrange their own transport arrangements to get home. For a residential trip it is essential that students are picked up to assist with luggage and to receive any feedback from staff if necessary.

### Insurance and Risk Assessments

Copies of Risk Assessments are available from school.

Please note that this visit is covered by Wellfield's Risk Protection Arrangement. If you feel that you require additional insurance you will need to make separate arrangements.

**PARENTAL/CARER PERMISSION SLIP**

*Please return this form to Mr D Murray*

*by 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the latest*

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tutor Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Geography Visits to: Marshaw Wyre / Liverpool One**

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| <b>Dates:</b> | <b>Marshaw Wyre</b> | <b>10A – 21/06</b>  | <b>10C – 22/06</b> |
|               | <b>Liverpool</b>    | <b>All Students</b> | <b>07/07</b>       |

I would like my child to participate in the above field studies.

*Please tick and complete (if relevant) the following:*

- I confirm that there is no change to the medical and/or emergency contact information since the last time this was provided to the school.
- There has been a change to the medical and/or emergency contact information since the last time this was provided to the school. Please note details below:

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**Parent/Carer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_