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May 2025

Voluntary Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip
Weston-super-Mare
Thursday 17 July 2025

I have planned a Year 9 geography fieldtrip to Weston-super-Mare eligible for those students who have chosen geography as a GCSE option in Years 10 and 11. This trip is voluntary and optional and those students who want to attend and are not allocated a place, will not be in any way disadvantaged for their GCSE course in Years 10 and 11. I am sorry we are not able to provide a place to all students for this trip in Year 9, as it is voluntary, but I can assure you all GCSE geography students will be expected to attend one physical geography trip in Year 10 and another human geography trip in Year 11 and places will be provided for everyone.

Students will be doing practical geography field skills such as land-use surveys, pedestrian counts, environmental surveys, questionnaires, sea defence surveys and field sketches. The focus of the trip will be 'Why is Weston-super-Mare seafront a multi-use coastal area?' Students will work in small groups supervised by members of staff along the sea front promenade.

Once the geography work has been completed, students will be given one hour of time at the end of the afternoon to enjoy the amenities on the promenade and pier in small groups with their friends.

We will leave school at 8.40am and return at approximately 5.30 - 6pm so students will need to make travel arrangements home. School uniform does not need to be worn but the casual clothes and shoes worn must be appropriate and suitable for a day outside walking in the sunshine. Students will need to bring a pencil case and packed lunch. Students eligible for free school meals can collect lunch from the kitchen at the beginning of the day. Students can bring a small amount of money and a suitable sum would be a maximum of £10 each. Students will need to take full responsibility for this money and staff will not be able to look after it for students.

There are 55 places available that will be allocated randomly. However, we reserve the right to refuse students whose behaviour in school could pose a risk when out of school and this includes students who fail to follow instructions. Good attendance is also a requirement for acceptance on the trip.

The cost of the day will be **£18.50** to cover the cost of coach hire.

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PARENTPAY AND YOUR DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.

Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents in support of activities for which the school has to pay. However, there is no legal obligation on parents to contribute and children will be treated the same whether or not parents are able or choose not to contribute. However, if not enough contributions are made, the activity may have to be cancelled.

Financial assistance may be available if you are in financial hardship and by special arrangement with the school.

If you would like to put your child's name forward for a place on the trip, please complete the form <https://forms.office.com/e/r2d56F5FiB> before 9am on Monday 19 May to request a place for your child to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Marc Titcombe
Visit Leader



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