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April 2026

Year 8 Geography fieldtrip
The Big Pit National Coal Museum, Blaenavon, South Wales
Tuesday 16 June 2026

As part of the geography curriculum for Year 8, we have arranged for a limited number of students to visit the Big Pit National Coal Museum to support our topic on economic activity. Students will be able to experience what it was like to be a coal miner including an underground guided tour of the mine, a visit to the 1930s pithead baths and a walk through an underground interactive mining museum.

We will leave school at 8.40am and return at approximately 4pm so students may need to make travel arrangements home. School uniform will be worn and appropriate footwear for walking. 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. There is a small gift shop at the Big Pit. Students will have an opportunity to purchase souvenirs if they wish. Therefore, they can bring a small amount of money; 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 48 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 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 **£20.00** to cover the cost of coach hire.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY AS PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO DO THIS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH 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 before 9am on Monday 4 May to request a place for your child to attend [Consent - Y8 Big Pit Visit 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Whyte
Visit Leader



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