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April 2026

YEAR 10 - GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO THE RIVER COLE, COLESHILL
Thursday 4 June 2026

As part of the Year 10 geography curriculum, students will visit the River Cole in Coleshill, Oxfordshire, to develop key skills and knowledge for their GCSE geography exam paper 3. During the fieldwork, they will collect data on the river's depth, width, velocity and bed load providing practical experience in geographical data analysis. The visit will also include a walking tour, where students will explore human interactions with the river and the land-use changes that have impacted it. Additionally, students will observe various river landforms, gaining a deeper understanding of the natural processes that shape them.

After the fieldtrip, students will compile their findings into a project, which will serve as a revision tool for their final paper 3 exam in Year 11. **Note that geography fieldwork is assessed through an exam and not coursework.**

We will leave school at 8.40am and will return by 3.10pm.

The cost of the day will be £14.25 to cover the cost of coach hire.

Students should wear sensible outdoor clothing and do not need to wear school uniform. Please bring a pair of **wellington boots**, if possible, as students will be entering the river. **A waterproof coat and sturdy shoes may be needed along with sunscreen products.** Students will also need to **bring a pencil case and a packed lunch and drink.**

It may also be useful for pupils to use the camera on their mobile phones to remind them of the locations for their project work. Students eligible for free school meals can collect a packed lunch from the kitchen on the day. **Valuables should not be brought on the fieldtrip.**

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. PAYMENT IS AVAILABLE NOW AND IS DUE BEFORE 19 MAY. 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.



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

To give permission for your child's attendance, please use the link below by 9.00am Monday 4 May [Consent - Y10 Coleshill fieldtrip 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Yours sincerely,
Ms D Timpson
Visit Leader



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