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18th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 10 Geography fieldwork visit to Nottingham city centre, 14th July 2021

Fieldwork is a core aspect of geography. It ensures that students are given the opportunity to consolidate and extend their geographical understanding by relating learning to real experiences of the world. For the Human Geography unit of the GCSE course we will be visiting the Lace Market to evaluate the effectiveness of the regeneration to reverse the decline from past industrial use, and students will spend the day outside collecting primary data.

The visit will take place on Wednesday 14th July 2021.

There is no charge for this visit. Students will be required to make their own way to the Market Square in Nottingham city centre, and must arrive promptly for 9.30am to meet members of staff.

Students are expected to wear full school uniform, including school shoes. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and sufficient drinks for the day. If your child receives free school meals, the Academy will provide a packed lunch upon request.

Students will be working together in groups of at least four, and will be expected to return to agreed meeting points at designated times. Failure to arrive on time will be treated as truancy, appropriate sanctions will be put in place, and you may be asked for support in locating your child.

A final headcount will be completed at the last site at 2.30pm before students are dismissed to make their own way safely home.

Consent to participate in the fieldwork visit

It is essential that we have accurate and up to date contact and medical information for all students on the visit.

To confirm your child's place on this visit we require the following by Monday 5th July 2021:

1. A parental consent form completed electronically using the link below

<https://forms.gle/ARBsWZXrzAvAjcjn9>

Your child will not be allowed to participate in this visit if we do not have the consent form by the deadline date.

COVID-19 safety

Students will be briefed and reminded about the need for handwashing/gel use throughout the day. We are outdoors for all activities so risks are low and we are maintaining the school bubble that is already in place. While much of the routines are now second nature to us we appreciate your support

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in reminding students about what they can do to keep everyone as safe as possible, for example the wearing of a suitable face mask and to remain socially distanced from members of the public.

We also ask that your child takes a lateral flow test on the morning of Tuesday 13th July 2021 before coming to school. Should they receive a positive test result they must remain at home and you will need to make arrangements for them to receive a PCR test as soon as possible. You will also be required to contact school to notify us of the result in order for us to perform necessary track and trace action; this will allow us to identify any students who need to self isolate and cannot therefore participate in the visit.

Important information

Students should be prepared for the weather conditions on the day. Please check local weather conditions nearer the time so that waterproofs and/or sun cream can be packed. We are working outside and exposed to the elements all day and it is essential that students come prepared.

As we are completing fieldwork, students will need to bring equipment to write/draw with and if they have a camera they may bring it, or just use their mobile phone cameras. Students will be expected to complete a range of fieldwork methods in smaller groups. This will require some independence; however, staff will be observing them and be available for students who may need additional support.

We reserve the right to exclude from the visit, at any point, any student whose behaviour gives us cause for concern.

Yours faithfully

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