



28th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Geography Fieldtrips 2021

As you are no doubt aware, we have had a rising number of cases of COVID-19 within the Academy during the past week. Therefore, we have made the decision to **cancel all of the Geography fieldtrips** for this academic year.

For students that are currently in Year 10, the cancellation of these trips falls in line with updated guidance from OFQUAL which states that students taking GCSE Geography exams in 2022 will not have to attend fieldwork trips, and that *'the exam boards will not ask questions in written examinations about fieldwork that students have undertaken themselves.'*

For students in Year 9, we will rearrange this trip when it is safe to do so. Students will not be hindered by the cancellation of fieldwork this year as we will ensure that all students fulfil the fieldwork requirement of the course in Year 10 and Year 11.

We know that for some students and parents there was anxiety about attending the trip, and we hope that this decision will alleviate that. Equally, I understand that some students will feel disappointed by this decision. We hope that you understand and support our judgment given the current situation.

Refunds will be issued for the full amount via ParentPay.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address below.

Kind regards,

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