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Dear Parents/Carers

Geography fieldtrip to local rural and urban areas, 2018

The Geography Department are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity to visit local areas as part of the GCSE taught course. The main aims of this trip are for students to:

- Extend their Geography skills through practical fieldwork
- Develop their exam techniques through focussed taught lessons
- Prepare for Exam Paper 3 of the new AQA Specification – to be taken this summer
- Gain wider experiences of the world

There is a very high emphasis on skills throughout these trips. Students will be briefed about the days and what to expect.

The highest standard of behaviour and work ethic is expected at all times, especially in regard to following instructions from members of staff. Anyone failing to do this will jeopardise their participation in the remaining activities during the trip. It is also worth noting that failing to meet these standards within school prior to the trip will result in the student's place on the trip being reconsidered.

The trips are expected to take place on the dates of Thursday 1st March and Wednesday 14th March 2018. Both trips will be comprised of 2 sessions: either 8.30am to 11.00am or 11.15am to 13.30pm. Students will be told beforehand which session they are in on each day.

On Thursday 1st March we expect to be visiting rural areas around the school which will include the River Wid and River Cann valleys through to Admiral's Park.

On Wednesday 14th March we expect to be visiting Admiral's Park and walk through to the central areas of Chelmsford.

If you would like your son/daughter to secure their place on what is sure to be a fantastic learning experience to contribute towards their GCSE, then please ensure that the trips and visits forms are signed and returned.

It is advised that on both days, students bring waterproofs with them and any other clothing suitable for the weather such as hats and gloves, as well as bringing a rucksack or similar bag to carry food, drink and equipment. In addition, for the first fieldtrip on 1st March, as we will be on local foot paths, boots/wellingtons would also be a good idea.

Yours faithfully

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