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1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Re: A Level Geography Fieldtrip 30/6/17 – 2/7/17

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A requirement of A Level Geography is that students complete 4 days fieldwork over the two-year course (which includes data collection for their individual coursework). We are really excited to be running a 3 day/2 night residential fieldtrip to Snowdonia to enable students to carry out much of the necessary fieldwork and experience a glacial landscape. Glaciation is an area of Geography that most of our students haven't studied before so we feel a fieldtrip to such an environment would be a very valuable experience. The remainder of the A Level fieldwork will be carried out within our local area as non-residential trips with a minimal cost.

The cost of this residential trip is £315; this includes return travel by coach, insurance, accommodation, meals and the use of specialist equipment and leaders from the Field Studies Centre in Snowdonia. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day of the trip as we will be stopping to carryout fieldwork on our way to the centre.

The payment schedule is as follows:

	Amount	Date due
1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	£100	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016
2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	£115	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	£100	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017

The Field Studies Centre requires us to pay a non-refundable deposit for each student in October. As a result, **it is very unlikely that we will be able to provide any refunds of money paid if students change their option choice from Geography.**

We will be staying at Rhyd-y-creuau Field Studies Centre; you can find out more details at:  
<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/rhydycreuau.aspx>.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time but please contact me if you have any concerns about meeting the payment dates or require any additional information, there is a school fund available to assist with payments for families in financial hardship.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Angela Smyth.

REPLY SLIP

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Name:

I give permission for my son/daughter to come on the Snowdonia A Level Fieldtrip and enclose a payment of £100. (Cheques payable to Vandyke School Fund.)

Parent/Guardian Signature:

