



RB/JBW/5th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Geography GCSE Fieldtrip - Ashdown Forest

As an integral part of the GCSE course, a fieldtrip to the River Warren, Ashdown Forest has been planned on the following days:

Monday 25th March: option block 9B (Mr Adriano) and option block 9C (Mr Adriano)

Tuesday 26th March: option block 9A (Miss Beach) and option block 9D (Mr Adriano)

On the above field trip the classes involved will depart St. Olave's at 08.45 and will return by 16:00. Your son will be working in a small group gathering data on the River Warren. The information will later be collated so that trends and relationships may be observed to complete a full investigation. This will build their understanding of river variables, as well as learning valuable skills for their final GCSE exams taking place in year 11, in which they will be questioned on their fieldtrips. For the day your son will require:

- A packed lunch
- Suitable clothing – warm layers, a waterproof layer, no designer clothes, sun hat and sun cream
- Wellington boots (**essential**)
- Clipboard, pens, pencil, ruler, calculator
- Latex gloves
- A pair of clean shoes/trainers to wear on the coach
- A small float for measuring water velocity (for example a small cork)
- Hand wipes or antibacterial gel (recommended for use prior to eating lunch)
- We will be outdoors for the whole day, therefore the weather forecast is rain, you may wish your son to have a spare set of dry clothes to travel home in

Ashdown Forest is both a Site of Special Scientific Interest and an exposed environment, therefore glass bottles, pen knives and matches are strictly prohibited. The very highest standards of behaviour are expected throughout the trip. This has to be stressed for a potentially dangerous environment. The boys are advised to wear latex gloves when working in water and not to put their hands in their mouths or eat food without wiping their hands and/or using anti-bacterial gel.

To cover the transport, equipment and cover teacher costs for the trip we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£19.00**. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions to make the educational visit possible as other sources of funding are not available we may be forced to cancel the event. Should you find yourself in financial difficulties please apply to the Headmaster in writing and your application for support will be considered in strict confidence. Payment should be made via our on-line system (sQuid). When making payment you will be asked if you give permission for your son to participate, please answer yes. Should you experience any problems in connection with the on-line system, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department by email, financeoffice@saintolaves.net, and they will assist with your query. Please note that if your son is involved in breaking or losing any equipment then you will be charged for the replacement.

IMPORTANT: We will be taking contact and medical information from the school-held records, so if you believe any of that information to be incomplete or not up-to-date, please supply any additional details on the reverse of the reply slip. If you have any other queries regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please make payment and give permission electronically for your son to go on the field trip as soon as possible and by Friday 15th March.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully

Miss R Beach
Head of Geography

