



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

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24 October 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Dorset, Friday 8 May to Monday 11 May 2015

The Geography Department is again proposing to run a residential field trip for ALL Year 10 Geography pupils to Dorset. The fieldtrip is undertaken to provide pupils with a series of excellent first hand case studies along Dorset's fascinating Jurassic coastline that will enhance their classroom studies. The trip this year however, is extended by a day to cover the need to collect our controlled assessment data along Chesil beach. This is due to the fact that the coastal controlled assessment question looks far more effective at allowing students the opportunity to access higher marks than our traditional urban question.

We will again be staying at the Prince Regent Hotel in Weymouth, which will provide breakfast on Saturday to Monday, 2 of the 3 packed lunches and evening meals on the Friday to Sunday. The cost of the trip will be **£211** per pupil; this will cover the cost of items such as accommodation, transport, parking, and resources.

The purpose of the trip is to ensure the students are able to achieve highly in their controlled assessment and support the rest of their coastal Geographical work – it is not a holiday, there will be little 'free time' and so I would be grateful if you would discuss the importance of ensuring your son understands the importance of these vital few days. In the evenings after follow-up work has been completed satisfactorily, boys will be allowed out in small groups into Weymouth town centre for a maximum of one hour.

I would be grateful if you could complete the reply slip below and return it in an envelope, marked 'Geography Dorset Trip 2015', to the School Office Letterbox by Friday, 14 November 2014 together with a deposit of £61 to book our accommodation. The preferred method of payment is Wisepay, but cheques / cash are still accepted. (Cheques should be made payable to Hitchin Boys' School). If you require financial assistance please write to the Head Teacher in confidence.

The School reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip if their behaviour in school is unacceptable.

I shall be writing to you again next term, giving full details of the trip, but should you require further information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. Dawson, Head of Geography & Year 13

Head Teacher: Mr M Brown



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Please return to the School Office Letterbox marked Geography Dorset Trip 2015:

Please find enclosed payment of £61 for the Geography Dorset Trip (cheques made payable to Hitchin Boys' School).

I confirm I will be paying by WISEPAY Yes/No

I understand that the deposit will be non-refundable if he subsequently withdraws from the trip and that there may be other monies due to the School depending on the payment schedule to the provider.

Pupils Name: _____

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian) Date: _____