



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Geography GCSE Course Change

As you may be aware Controlled Assessment is a compulsory element of the GCSE course and each year the exam board release some titles that we are required to investigate together with fieldwork techniques. Traditionally we have undertaken the 'Changing Urban Environments' task but next year this title looks to be very challenging to undertake in a town such as Hitchin. However, the Coastal Zone title fits perfectly with the traditional fieldwork that we undertake on Chesil Beach down in Dorset.

Consequently, we are proposing to extend the Dorset trip by one day to ensure that we obtain all the fieldwork required, however, this will also mean that the trip becomes a required element of the GCSE course next year. The estimated cost for the trip will be in the region of £200 to £225, final details will be issued in late September/early October. We will be staying at the Prince Regent Hotel in Weymouth, which will provide breakfast, packed lunches, evening meals and access to work rooms (day and night) for the duration of our visit. Transport, parking, and resources will also be included. The dates are Friday 8th May to Monday 11th May.

This change has been approved by the Senior Leadership Team as it should benefit students in this element of the course next year. I hope that you appreciate that this change is being made in the best interests of your son's GCSE Geography course, however, if you feel that as a result of this change you would like to reconsider your son's GCSE option, would you please write to Mr Warburton by Friday 11th July 2014 so that we can make the necessary amendments.

If you require financial assistance please write to the Head Teacher in confidence in the first instance, however, some financial support will be available to parents of students who are on the pupil premium register.

If you have any concerns or need to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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