



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



2 May 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 GCSE Geography Field Trip to Easedale Tarn in the Lake District:

Wednesday 23rd May 2018 – Mrs Cogley's 9c Class and Mr Gardiner's 9g Class

Thursday 24th May 2018 – Mr Duckworth's 9d Class and Mr Sixsmith's 9s Class

As we restructure the new three-year Geography GCSE, an opportunity has arisen to offer an enrichment trip to the Lake District to study the effects of glaciation in the field to enhance student understanding of the Glaciated Upland Landscapes and Processes unit they are currently studying. This topic can be a difficult one to both visualise and comprehend the scale of the landforms created, and a trip to see them in their natural setting should be invaluable to aiding student progress. We will also be introducing some of the concepts of fieldwork that will be more formally addressed in Years 10 and 11 and assessed in Paper Three of the final exams.

We intend to take two classes per day as shown above. We will travel by coach to the village of Grasmere in the heart of the Lake District National Park, and will then spend the day walking up the valley of Easedale, eventually climbing to Easedale Tarn, with students completing a guided interpretive booklet tailored to the unit over the course of eight stops along the route.

There is a **cost to cover return coach hire of £10.00** per student. As we are now going to be a cashless school, please make payments on 'SchoolMoney' by following the link in the text message sent to the primary contact held on our system. Please note, failure to pay the full amount, by the due dates, could result in your child not going on the trip. When payment is made online, we assume that you have provided implied consent and have agreed to the terms set out in the letter relating to this trip.

Students should **meet in the canteen at 8.45am** on the day of their class trip to be registered and ready for an 8.50am departure. The coach is expected to **return at around 4.30pm** so please make arrangements for your son/daughter to be collected from school at this time. **School uniform need not be worn**, so students should attend school in the morning already in their fieldwork clothes. As there will be a lot of walking along potentially muddy and uneven footpaths, sensible clothes and footwear appropriate to the weather and being outside for much of the day are required.

Sunscreen is advisable if it is sunny (!) and a waterproof jacket if it is wet. A rucksack for the student to carry their booklet, a clipboard, writing equipment (including a pencil) and a clear plastic bag to protect notes would also be required, as will equipment to take photos of glacial features – of course, this will need to be carefully looked after by students at their own risk. Students will need to **take a packed lunch and a drink** in their rucksack for a picnic at the top of a waterfall, and if students wish to take snacks to keep their energy up as we walk this would also be fine. Time will be tight but if we do have any spare there may be an opportunity to buy an ice cream or some of the famous gingerbread in Grasmere before we leave.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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