



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the A Level Geography course, students are required to complete a non-examined assessment (NEA). This will be 20% of their final A Level grade, and involves completing an independent geographical investigation. This must be completed over four days, 3 days of which we will complete on a residential trip, the first we will complete on the February immersion day

Students will be participating in fieldwork on Tuesday 3 February 2026. This day will allow them to practice both human and physical fieldwork techniques under the supervision of their geography teacher. This will then inform their choices for planning their final investigation. The first half of the day will be spent at Black Rocks in Wirksworth looking at the impacts of people on the environment there. The second half of the day will be spent at Matlock Bath, looking at a variety of human fieldwork data collection techniques. They will be working in pairs or small groups under supervision from staff, however they will also have the opportunity to go and collect data independently in both areas, as this will be reflective of their final independent investigation.

Students will need to ensure that they **wear sensible clothing suitable for the weather forecast**. If the weather is likely to be poor, we can provide suitable waterproofs for students if they do not come equipped. They will need to bring either a packed lunch or money to buy lunch in Matlock Bath, and they should also bring snacks and water for the journey and throughout the day. Please be aware that we have students who may be participating in this trip who have a serious nut allergy. Please avoid giving your son/daughter bagged nuts or products with a nut content, as even the smell can cause these students anxiety. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and requires a packed lunch on the day, please order one via ParentPay.

As students will be working in an environment that is unfamiliar to them, we would expect that they work with respect for it and adhere to the guidance given to them by the member of staff that they are working with, in order to keep them safe and to allow them to achieve the best possible results from the day.

We will be leaving school at 9.00am prompt and will return by the latest 3.00pm. If the weather is particularly bad, we will return to school early to look at data analysis. There is no cost to the students for this trip. However, please login to ParentPay to give consent by **Friday 23 January**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries via the email below.

Yours sincerely

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