



May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students are required to participate in fieldwork. The work carried out will allow them to access paper 3, which is based on geographical applications and fieldwork.

Students will be participating in fieldwork on Thursday 25 June 2026. This will be the physical and human fieldwork day where they will be investigating the environmental impacts of tourism at Black Rocks in Wirksworth and the function of Matlock Bath. They will be working in small groups under direct supervision from academy staff and will be carrying out various tasks in various locations at Black Rocks and in Matlock Bath.

We will be leaving school at 9.15 am prompt and will return by approximately 3.00pm. The cost of the trip is £12, to cover the cost of coach transport to and from Matlock. Please login to ParentPay to make a payment and give consent by Friday 5 June 2026.

Students will need to ensure that they wear sensible clothing suitable for the weather forecast and they will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of 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 child 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.

Whilst we endeavour to accurately forecast the cost of trips, in the unlikely event that costs fluctuate and result in a surplus remaining at the end of any trip, details of this and any right to refund will be communicated with you at the end of the trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, via email at cmeakin@heanorgatespencer.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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