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GCSE Geography Residential 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

As you will know Geography have booked a short residential at a Field Study Centre in Betws-y-coed, Wales, from Wednesday 22nd May 2024 to Friday May 24th 2024. We are very excited to be returning to Rhyd-Y-Creiau, the students are already enthusiastically asking lots of questions about it.

The initial cost per student was £256, which includes tuition sessions, full board accommodation, the provision of bed linen and use of facilities. The fee also includes the hire of all outdoor clothing (walking boots, wellingtons and full waterproofs etc). It did not include our transport, which I have now priced. Our travel there and back is £25 pp and the centre then charges us per excursion which works out at £15 each. **The total transport cost of £40 will therefore shortly appear on ParentPay.** If for any reason we do not do all the excursions as planned, for example the weather means a change of plan, we will refund the relevant amount once we return.

Thank you to all of those who are making regular top up payments towards the final cost, many have already paid this balance in full. If you have not made a payment recently then please can I take this opportunity to encourage you to do so before the end of March. Thank you.

Also, whilst I am contacting home, I should mention that **Year 10 exams are at the start of May**. Year 10 geographers will be mainly tested on three units: Ecosystems, Urban Futures and Distinctive Landscapes, if we have made enough progress through the course then a fourth topic may feature, full details will be on SMHW in good time. The test will contain some skill questions for 1 or 2 marks and a number of longer (3+ marks) questions testing knowledge and understanding. Each of the topics will have a 6 or 8 mark case study question which is level marked, rather than point marked. Thorough revision will be required.

Yours Faithfully

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(Head of Geography)