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GCSE Geography Residential 2027

Dear Parent / Guardian

As I'm sure you are aware our Year 10 GCSE Geography students are being offered an exciting opportunity**. We have booked a short residential at a Field Study Centre in Betws-y-coed, Wales, from Wednesday 26th May to Friday 28th May** (just before we break up for half term).

This will be a great learning experience. Students can learn new skills and apply classroom learning in real life situations. Field Study Centre staff will tailor our activities to our **exam requirements** (OCR B 9-1) making this a vital element of the two-year course. We would expect, therefore, **that all GCSE Geographers attend**. It will be our 10th year running this experience and it has consistently been excellent, students learn the necessary skills and apply it in exam question contexts, whilst enjoying getting to know their fellow geographers a bit better.

The initial cost per student is £268, 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 does not include our transport, which I am currently pricing and anticipate will be approximately £55 per student,** so there will be an increase when calculating the final cost.

In order to secure our places, and to enable us to plan staffing and resources, **we are now requesting that a non-refundable deposit of £50 is paid on ParentPay by Monday 12th October 2026**. We have already paid a deposit to the centre to secure enough spaces, thus it is vital we receive student deposits on time. Thank you in advance.

If your son / daughter receives Pupil Premium funding there may be funding available towards the cost of the residential. Please contact Mrs Daley in finance to discuss this further.

Further details will be sent out later in the academic year but in the meantime if you have any questions please do get in touch : cbramwell@urmstongrammar.org.uk

Yours Faithfully,

Ms C Bramwell & the Geography Department