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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 10 Geography Field Trip to the Lake District

The Geography Department are taking Year 10 GCSE Geography students on a residential field trip to the Lake District. In order to meet the requirements of the new GCSE geography course students need to undertake two geographical enquiries, each of which must include the use of primary data, collected as part of a fieldwork exercise. Fieldwork must take place outside the classroom and school grounds on at least two occasions. The two enquiries must be carried out in contrasting environments and show an understanding of both physical and human geography. For these reasons we have decided to visit the Lake District to conduct physical geography investigation in the River Derwent and human geography investigation in the tourist town of Keswick.

The students will be split into two groups, the first group going **Monday 8 May- Wednesday 10 May**; the second group going from **Wednesday 10 May to Friday 12 May 2017**. Students will, therefore, be away for two nights.

We believe that it is important for students to attend this residential trip, not only to successfully complete the requirements of the Unit 3 exam, but also to enrich much of the work which regularly takes place in the classroom. Pupils will carry out work related to river studies, tourism, and national parks.

We will be staying at Borrowdale Youth Hostel near Keswick. The cost of the course will be **£138**. This includes full board and lodging, transport, insurance, and other incidental expenses. No specialist clothing or equipment are required. (Parents and pupils should be aware that the daily activities undertaken will involve a fair degree of walking and a waterproof coat and comfortable footwear will be needed. The school can help with the provision of a waterproof coat if required.)

It is not possible to cover these costs from school funds so we ask parents of pupils attending to volunteer this amount in order that the fieldwork can take place. Inability of a parent to make this payment should not preclude their child from attending, if the course proceeds. Please contact me at school should you wish to discuss any financial matter.

In order to secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, I would be grateful if you could return the attached medical form and a £70 deposit by **Monday 3 April 2017**. We would prefer it if the £70 deposit could be made through the school's **ParentPay** system. Where circumstances do not allow you to use the **ParentPay** system, please complete the attached slip and enclose it alongside a cheque for £70 payable to St. Benedict's Catholic High School. This should be placed in a named envelope and handed in to Mrs Whitehouse in the school's finance office.

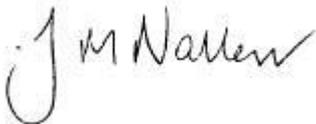


The deposit will be returned if it proves impossible to raise the required number of pupils or obtain funds to cover the cost of the trip. If your son/daughter withdraws from his/her place monies can only be returned in the case of certified sickness or if the place is taken by another pupil.

Please feel free to make payments by your preferred method of payment at regular intervals over the next few months. We do ask, however, that the payment for the trip is made in full by **1 May 2017**.

Please also feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions related to this trip. I will send out a final letter in late April with a kit list and the address and contact details of where we are staying.

Yours sincerely



Miss J M Nallen
Head of Geography

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Year 10 Field Trip to the Lake District 2017

If you cannot pay via Parent Pay please return your reply slip and your deposit to Mrs Whitehouse in the Finance office (Room 10) no later than Monday 3 April 2017.

I do/do not wish my son/daughter to take part in the Geography Field Trip to the Lake District.
I enclose £70.00 (cash/cheque)

Signed _____(Parent/Guardian)

Date _____

Name of Pupil _____Form _____