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Dear Parent / Carer

Headteacher: Stephen Box

## **Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Swanage, 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017** **Travel information, planned itinerary and kit list**

With the Swanage trip only 4 weeks away, I thought I'd get in touch to inform you of the travel arrangements, and provide a little more information on accommodation and the activities we will be doing while in Dorset.

Firstly thank you for your prompt payments for this trip so far, may I remind you that the last instalment is due on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. I had originally planned to do an information evening, but I think given the simplicity of the trip and the kit list this isn't really required. If you do have any further questions about the trip please don't hesitate to contact me.

Attached are the kit list, itinerary for the trip, and a medical / dietary requirements form. Please take time to read through these, particularly the timings on the Tuesday morning and Friday afternoons when students will need dropping off and picking up from school.

### **Transport & Accommodation**

In terms of transport we will be travelling down and back from Swanage with Motts Travel coaches, the journey should be around 3.5 hours including a half hour rest stop.

We are staying at the Chatsworth Centre in Swanage ([allnatt.co.uk/accommodation/the-chatsworth-our-swanage-centre](http://allnatt.co.uk/accommodation/the-chatsworth-our-swanage-centre)) which looks to be very comfortable. The accommodation will be in dormitories, and students will be arranging themselves into these over the next few days. While at the centre we will have use of facilities such as the outdoor heated pool and games rooms for students to use in free times (we will have designated times for the pool when lifeguards will be on duty).

### **Evenings & Behaviour**

After evening activities / lessons there will be some free time for students to walk into Swanage or down to the beach. This freedom is something we believe is appropriate for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> form, but does require them to behave sensibly and ensure that they are back at the accommodation for 10pm when the external doors to the centre are locked. We do not expect to have to deal with any inappropriate behaviour, but we would appreciate your assistance by encouraging your son or daughter to abide by the Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School Code of Conduct. Please note that the consumption of alcohol and smoking is against the school rules and will invalidate the terms of the school's insurance cover for the trip. Should this occur or the Code of Conduct be breached, for example by endangering the safety of others or disruptive behaviour, we will have no option but to ask you to arrange for the immediate return home of your son or daughter.

Finally, please complete and sign the attached consent and medical form and return it to me by **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

If you have any questions, please telephone at me at school or email me at [mwilliams@shfqs.co.uk](mailto:mwilliams@shfqs.co.uk)

Many thanks and kindest regards,

*M J Williams*

Mr M Williams  
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## **Year 12 Geography Fieldwork: Swanage Trip 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

### **Kit List**

Other than a new set of clothes for each day (each day holds at least a slight chance of getting wet!), students will need warm waterproof clothes and wellington boots (or at the very least strong shoes) for Wednesday's fieldwork in the sand dunes. Bedding is all provided at the centre but students will need their own towels.

Students will also need their usual pens, paper, and also a protractor, ruler, and calculator. Please ensure that your son or daughter has the necessary equipment and keeps baggage to a minimum – no more than one suitcase / holdall each, plus one day bag for the journey to carry lunch / waterproofs / pens etc. while we are out completing fieldwork.

- Walking shoes (strong trekking trainers are fine too)
- Trainers / indoor shoes
- Toiletries
- T-shirts
- Night wear
- Towels (Swimming and personal use)
- Jumper/ fleece
- Day size rucksack (shoulder bags and string straps are not recommended)
- Shorts and trousers – ideally something other than jeans that if wet won't hold all the water
- Water bottle
- Above ankle socks
- Sun cream
- Pens & pencils, file paper, clipboard / folder to write on
- Camera (if desired, phone cameras usually fine – remember phone chargers!)
- Torch
- Hat / cap
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Scarf and gloves (optional – we don't know how warm / cold it will be!)
- Wellington Boots (optional – but useful for beach and sand dune fieldwork as it can get boggy)

**Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School**  
**Year 12 Geography A-level Swanage Fieldtrip Itinerary**  
**Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st April 2017**

***Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Travel down and acclimatisation***

0900	Depart from SHFGS
1230	Arrive at The Chatsworth Centre, Swanage Unpack, settle in tour of site, unpack and issue fieldwork equipment
1400	Walk around Swanage town centre, and further south to Durlston Bay (as far as Anvil Point?)
1730	Return for dinner
1900	Evening briefing in classroom about Wednesday's activities
2030	Free time
2230	Students in bedrooms

***Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Physical Geography Fieldwork***

0730	Breakfast
0830	Meet to issue equipment and check groupings for fieldwork
0900	Depart for Studland Bay
0930	Studland Bay – psammosere / sand dune study
1230	Lunch on beach / cafe
1330	Depart for Swanage Beach
1400	Swanage Beach fieldwork – impact of coastal defences
1700	Return to centre, dinner, evening debrief, planning for Thursday etc

***Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Human Geography Fieldwork***

0730	Breakfast
0830	Meet to issue equipment and check groupings for fieldwork
0900	Depart centre, walk into Swanage town centre
0930	Place study of Swanage – urban transect, clone town survey, survey of tourist facilities
1230	Lunch on beach / cafe
1330	Human fieldwork – primary and secondary data gathering
1600	Free time in Swanage
1700	Return to centre, dinner, evening debrief, assess what is needed for Friday etc

***Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Finishing Off/Completing Last Bits of Fieldwork and Travel Back***

0730	Breakfast
0830	Bags packed and meet to issue equipment and check groupings for fieldwork
0900	Depart centre for either Studland or Swanage to complete any further fieldwork
1300	Return to centre, clean up, ensure everything is packed away
1400	Depart from Chatsworth Centre
1730	Arrive at SHFGS – students to phone home in advance when time of arrival is known