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Dear Parents/Carers

A Level fieldwork at the Slapton Ley Field Centre, South Devon – 13-17 November 2023

A booking has been made for a residential field course at the Slapton Ley Field Centre, South Devon from **Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November 2023**.

It is a **formal requirement** for A level Geography that students complete a minimum of 4 days practical fieldwork. During the first 3 days of the trip, students will be introduced to a range of geographical environments and taught key skills involved in undertaking fieldwork. On the 4th day students will carry out their own fieldwork in a location of their choice which will form the basis of their coursework investigation (NEA) which is **worth 20% of their final A level grade**. On the last day of the trip we will help students to start to think about their data and how to use it, before returning home.

We also know from experience that a residential practical course of this type offers a real boost to social interaction through group work and discussion, which are especially important in developing the high level Geographical understanding needed in the rest of the A level.

The cost, based on 12 students, will be **£596**, which will include return transport from London Paddington, on-site transport, accommodation, full board, a specialist local tutor and the use of all educational facilities. This price is calculated using the estimated rail fare as group booking is not yet available for these dates. Any reduction in cost from an increased group size and/or rail fare from group booking will be refunded at the end of the fieldtrip.

Further details of the transport arrangements, field centre and a full programme will be sent to you approximately 4 weeks before departure.

We now need to confirm our booking with the field centre and send a deposit of **£298** per student. Please make this payment by **Monday 18 September**. The remaining **£298** will be requested by **Friday 3 November**. It is a condition of the Fieldwork Centre that once your initial deposit is accepted, the balance for the student will be payable in full. May I suggest that you take out your own Cancellation Insurance or check your annual policy, as the school will be unable to support such an event.

If you agree to the details of the trip outlined in this letter please make a payment of **£298** for 'Slapton Ley Fieldwork' using the school's WisePay system by **Monday 18 September**. Please be aware that payment

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constitutes permission for this trip. If you have any financial concerns with regards to payment for this trip please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

Please note that the final payment of £298 should be made using WisePay by **Friday 3 November**.

In the past we have been very pleased with the behaviour of our students on residential fieldwork. We like to treat our sixth formers as young adults and expect them to behave responsibly and with consideration for others at all times.

I would be grateful if you could complete the online [Conduct Form](#) by **Monday 18 September**. Could I also ask that any dietary requirements and a mobile telephone number for your child are also completed on this form.

Information on students for this trip will be taken from the school database for the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact, dietary and medical information. Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app by **Friday 3 November**.

Yours sincerely

R Burn

Mr R Burn
Head of Geography