



21st April 2026

Dear parent/carer,

Re: Year 10 geography fieldwork trip

As part of the GCSE geography exam specification, students are required to undertake at least 2 fieldwork opportunities, one for physical fieldwork and another for human fieldwork.

This year's geography fieldwork will take place on 1st, 2nd and 8th June in Wheathampstead and Welwyn Garden City. It is a fantastic opportunity for year 10s to experience fieldwork, consolidating their understanding outside of the classroom.

Key information:

Class	Time	Rivers Fieldwork (Wheathampstead)	Urban Fieldwork (WGC)
10B	8am-12:20pm	Monday 1 st June	Monday 8 th June
10C	8am-12:20pm	Tuesday 2 nd June	Monday 1 st June
10D	8am-12:00pm	Monday 8 th June	Tuesday 2 nd June

Please ensure that students arrive promptly at school for 8am ready for departure by 8:30am. Students should report directly to the gym (behind the main hall) and do not need to go to their normal registration.

What does my child need?

Essential	
Item	Description
Wellies	Students will be working in water and will need suitable footwear to ensure they can complete work without slipping.
Waterproof jacket	In the event of rain.
2 x Pencils and sharpener	This will allow the students to collect their data accurately, particularly in the event of rain. Pens can be unreliable in the field.
Large clear plastic food bag	Will allow paper data recording sheets to stay dry in the event of rain.
Lunch*	Students will need to bring snacks and may choose to have their lunch with them, although we will be back in time for lunch.
Hand sanitiser	For cleaning hands before eating their lunch, as there are no facilities on site.
Desirable	
Item	Description
Change of clothes	The river is shallow and pupils will only be allowed to enter and exit at safe access point. However, in the event of an accident students will be more comfortable if they have a change of clothes.
Towel	To sit on for lunch or to dry themselves off in the event of rain.
Clipboard	Whilst the school has clipboards, students may wish to bring their own.

*Students eligible for FSM will be able to access lunch from the canteen or pod once we return as usual.

What should my child wear?

Students should wear comfortable clothing that dries quickly. There is no need to purchase waterproof trousers, although if your child already has a pair, they may wish to wear them.

We suggest shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms in addition to a t-shirt, jumper and jacket. Suitable footwear such as trainers or walking boots/shoes in addition to wellies will allow students to change out of their wellies when not completing work in the river.

Please do not allow your child to wear flip-flops, sandals or sliders. The area around the river has rocks and other hidden objects such as tree branches and this type of footwear will not protect them from scratches of stubbed toes etc. Any students who arrive in unsuitable footwear will be asked to change into plimsoles or trainers from student reception.

How will you keep my child safe?

It is a requirement for all trips to complete a risk assessment before it takes place. The risks have been assessed and reviewed by experienced members of staff. Students will be supervised at all times whilst completing the fieldwork. The trip leader will have the school mobile to hand and can contact the school in the event of an emergency.

What happens if my child does not go?

In the event your child does not complete the fieldwork, they will miss a vital component of their GCSE course which may negatively impact their predicted and final grade for GCSE geography.

What if my child does not behave on the trip?

If your child does something to bring the school into disrepute or puts other children or staff at risk, they will be removed from the visit and taken back to school. This may have a detrimental impact on their overall grade for GCSE geography.

What happens next?

To confirm your child's place on the trip, please ensure you give permission on Arbor by 15th May 2026.

The trip promises to be a rewarding experience and is a fantastic way to investigate some of the key ideas we have studied in the classroom.

Yours faithfully,



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