



10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

HEADTEACHER: Mrs H L Millett

### GCSE Geography Fieldwork

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A compulsory part of the new GCSE Geography course involves fieldwork and the collection of primary data. The fieldwork has to cover human and physical geography and take place on two separate occasions. Students have studied the 'Urban issues and challenges in the UK' topic and have been looking in some detail at Newcastle upon Tyne. We plan to carry out the human fieldwork along the quayside in order to identify if regeneration has been successful. The remainder of the day will be spent at a range of locations around Newcastle in order to support the understanding of the urban challenges case study.

#### **All teaching groups will be going on Monday 22nd October**

Transport is by coach which leaves at **9am and will return at approximately 5.00pm - 5.30pm**. It will involve collecting data from various points around Newcastle, so students will be outside for most of the day. This is not a shopping trip and it is important that students come prepared to work and do some walking around the city. The usual school rules and expectations will apply during the trip.

The trip is non-uniform and students should wear sensible clothes, as they will be outside all day no matter what the weather so a waterproof coat will be essential. All of the walking is in the city but sensible shoes should be worn. Students can bring a packed lunch or they will have time to buy some lunch in the city centre if they wish. A pen and pencil should be brought and a clipboard (with plastic bag to cover it) and camera/camera phone would be very useful.

Most of the work will be carried out as one teaching group with their Geography teacher and another member of staff. As we will be in a busy urban area students need to take care when crossing roads and moving between locations. We will allow students who have focused well during the morning fieldwork free time over lunch. They will need to stay in groups of no less than three and will be given the school mobile number should they need to contact us. Should you prefer your son or daughter to stay with staff over the lunch time please let me know.

Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the GCSE course and therefore all students have to attend the trip. When organising these trips we try to keep the cost as low as possible but costs continue to rise

The cost of the trip is £10 and payment should be made via ParentPay by Friday 19th October.

Please log into your account and select 'Items to Pay' and then select '**Year 10 GCSE Geography Newcastle fieldwork 2018**'. (If paying by cheque, please make payable to Areté Learning Trust and write your child's name on the reverse. Cheques can only be handed in to Student Services and cannot be accepted without a name on the reverse). The school issues an annual consent form to cover all UK trips during the academic year and this consent form will be used for future consent.

Please contact me at school if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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