



Year 9 Middlesbrough land use fieldwork 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

HEADTEACHER: Mrs H L Millett

We are always looking for ways that we can enrich the curriculum and help support the progress of our Geography students. In light of recent changes to the new GCSE specification, where there is a greater focus on the skills of carrying out fieldwork, we have decided to incorporate additional fieldwork into the year 9 scheme of learning. We are due to move onto our next topic which is Urbanisation and Megacities and part of this topic is a study of how urban areas grow. In order to study whether Middlesbrough fits an urban model that we study, we plan to visit a range of locations in Middlesbrough moving out from the centre to the edge of town. Students will be working in groups and using their enquiry skills to identify features of each location they visit which will help them decide if Middlesbrough fits the urban model. Students will stay in their teaching group throughout the trip and will move between the different locations on foot and via the coach. As we are working in an urban area we will discuss health and safety with the students in class, but could you please discuss the importance of listening to instructions and being aware of the dangers of working close to roads and busy locations.

I would assure you that carrying out investigative fieldwork is a valuable educational experience.

Students will be expected to wear full school uniform, but as we will be outside they must have a waterproof outdoor coat. They should bring a pen and pencil and if they have one, a clipboard. If the weather is poor we will still complete the trip but a plastic bag to keep their work in would be advisable.

Students do not require any money as we will not be going into any of the shops and they will be back in time for school lunch.

**The X population will go on Monday 12th November 2018 Tutor till period 3**

**The Y population will go on Friday 16th November 2018 Tutor till period 3**

In order to cover the costs of the trip we are asking for a voluntary payment of £5.00, payment is due by Friday 9th November 2018

Payment can be made by using any of the following options.

- Payment using the online system ParentPay. Please log into your account and select 'Items to Pay' and then select **Year 9 Middlesbrough fieldwork 2018**. You will be able to make payment via debit or credit card.
- By cheque, made payable to: - Stokesley School Fund and return to Student Services.
- By cash, in an envelope with the student's name on and return to Student Services.

If you have not already done so can you make sure the whole school consent form has been returned to school or inform us of any changes to your child's medical circumstances, as we will use this information to write our risk assessment.

As always, we appreciate the support given to the Geography department by parents and if you require any further information about the trip please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Jones

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