



14th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Geography Fieldtrip: Carding Mill Valley

As part of the requirement for GCSE geography, pupils must undertake two geographical enquiries in two contrasting locations. The Geography Department would like to make this geographical enquiry experience as exciting, interesting and memorable for your son/daughter as possible. I am therefore running a day trip to Carding Mill Valley to enable pupils to carry out their fieldwork river investigation.

This visit will take place on 3rd October or 20th October

3rd October – Teaching groups: 11B/Gg1 (all pupils) and 11C/Gg1 (surnames A-H)

20th October – Teaching groups: 11A/Gg1 (all pupils) and 11C/Gg1 (surnames J-W)

Depart Chantry: 9:00 am

Return Chantry: 5:00 pm

Pupils will be required to wear appropriate clothing for a river study. This should include wellington boots. Pupils should also have a ruck sack with a packed lunch, snacks and drinks to last them the day. I would encourage you to ensure that they are fully prepared for any type of weather we may experience ranging from a waterproof jacket to sun cream and a hat.

The visit will cover some of the physical aspects of the geography KS4 curriculum. Pupils will be asked to gather primary data that will help them to test a hypothesis that is based around the topic of river landforms and processes. This has been chosen as it will allow some excellent data collection techniques to be used and will recap the core concepts of the river's unit.

Safety is of paramount importance when undertaking any field visits in the Geography Department; therefore, the appropriate number of adults will accompany the pupils. Due to the nature of the data collection and the number of pupils taking part in this trip there will be some occasions when pupils will be placed into groups to collect data.

The cost of this trip is £22, this includes coach hire, equipment hire and access to the site.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me on crudall@chantryschool.com

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Rudall
Head of Geography