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Dear Parent/Carer

Geography – Urban and Rural Fieldwork

As part of your child's Geography course they must undertake urban and rural fieldwork in order for them to pass the course. I am writing to inform you that the Geography department has organised urban fieldwork for Year 10 to Birmingham city centre on **Tuesday 18th June** for a Year 10 Geography students. Pupils will meet at **Rowley Regis train station at 8.45am** and return to Rowley Regis train station at **3.02pm** from where they will be dismissed. Please make arrangements to ensure your child arrives to Rowley Regis train station by 9am at the latest, else they risk not being able to attend the trip. Likewise, please ensure arrangements are in place for your child to get home from Rowley Regis train station. If there are any issues with this, please contact the e-mail address at the bottom of this letter.

If your child requires emergency medicine to be available, for example, an epipen or inhaler, then they MUST have this on the morning of the trip. If they do not have this with them, they will not be able to attend the trip.

The trip is to help students understand fieldwork in Geography and help them prepare for Paper 3 (geographical applications) in their GCSE exam next year. This paper asks pupils about the methods used on this trip to gather data and also the conclusions drawn. **Attendance is compulsory** if your child is to pass their GCSE Geography course.

Pupils must wear full school uniform and be clothed appropriately (school trousers, shirt, tie and blazer) as it is impossible to guarantee fine weather. Sensible shoes will need to be worn, they can wear trainers or similar for walking round all day. Bring a rain coat and/or hat/cap and sun cream depending on the forecast. Each pupil will need to bring either a packed lunch or sufficient money to purchase lunch from an outlet such as Tesco or McDonalds during lunch time. If your child is entitled to free school meals, and would like a school packed lunch on the day, please indicate this on the Microsoft form. Pupils will have approximately 45 minutes of remotely supervised lunch time in Grand Central. They will be provided with guidance on what to do in an emergency and given a card with a phone number on that will allow them to contact a member of staff in the event of a problem arising during lunch time. They will be in a small group with other students and staff will be at an identified point.

The trip is **free for pupils** as the cost of the train fare is being subsidised by the school. If you want to discuss further then please don't hesitate to email me at megan.dunn@oldburyacademy.org.uk

Miss M Wiggins
Head of Geography