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Monday 23rd September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Fieldwork Visit

I am writing to inform you of the Year 11 Geography fieldwork visit to Carding Mill Valley. This opportunity will support the work they have been doing in Geography towards their GCSE.

It is vital that your child attend as it forms part of their examination in Paper 3. Not taking part in this fieldwork will likely to have a negative effect on their overall progress.

The visit will take place on **Friday 25th October 2024**. We will be travelling there by coach, leaving school at 9am and returning by 3.30pm. All pupils will be expected to arrive at Oldbury Academy at the usual time of 8.40am to ensure a prompt departure. They should go directly to the canteen to register, not form.

Pupils may wear their own clothes but must **be prepared for cold and potentially wet weather. Sensible footwear and warm clothing are essential. If pupils have wellington boots or other waterproof footwear and clothing this would be desirable.** Each pupil will need to bring a **packed lunch** as there will be nowhere to purchase food. Pupils on free school meals will be provided with a grab bag for lunch but only if indicated on the consent form. Students will be supervised by staff in small groups for the duration of the trip. Students will be provided with the phone number of the trip phone, in case of an emergency.

Students will be gathering data on the changes to the River Lightspout as they move downstream away from the source. Some measurements will require them to enter the water but this part of the river is generally very narrow and shallow. Staff will of course risk assess on the day.

The cost of the visit will be free. Please return the signed consent form (on other link on this text) no later than **Monday 30th September 2024**.

If your child has medication for use in an emergency such as an epipen or inhaler your child **MUST** have that in order for them to attend the trip.

If you have any questions about the visit, please email me at megan.wiggins@oldburyacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully
Miss Wiggins