



Tibshelf Community School
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Tibshelf
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Date: 4th February 2025

Re: Geography Field Trip

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming educational fieldwork opportunity for your child on **Wednesday 12th March**, which coincides with the Professional Development (PD) day. By utilizing this day, we aim to minimize disruptions to regular timetables while providing an essential learning experience.

This fieldwork is a **compulsory component of your child's Geography GCSE** and supports their exam preparation by enabling them to practice key fieldwork skills. The day will focus on both human and physical geography topics and is vital for developing the analytical and practical skills required for their assessments.

The fieldwork will take place locally in the Tibshelf community, so no transportation is required. This ensures there is **no cost attached to this trip**, and any payments made for the original field trip (which was rescheduled) have already been refunded.

Key Details for the Day:

- **Clothing:** Students must wear suitable clothing for the weather, including sturdy footwear. Please ensure they are prepared for outdoor conditions.
- **Lunch:** Students should bring a packed lunch. For those eligible for free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided by the school.
- **Equipment:** We will be providing the fieldwork equipment including clipboards. Could you please ensure they are equipped with a pencil case.

Activities Overview:

- **Physical Geography:** Students will investigate infiltration rates around Tibshelf Ponds, examining how different surfaces and vegetation types influence water movement, runoff, and flood risk.
- **Human Geography:** Students will study land use changes in Tibshelf, focusing on the influence of proximity to major transport routes like the M1 and assessing the social and environmental impacts of these changes.

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We are pleased to reassure you that the fieldwork is fully staffed and well-supported. Our team of experienced teachers and support staff will ensure the safety and supervision of all students throughout the day. The itinerary and risk assessments have been carefully planned to provide a secure and productive learning environment.

This local fieldwork provides students with a hands-on opportunity to apply classroom learning to real-world settings, develop essential exam skills, and gain a deeper understanding of geographical processes. Participation is mandatory as part of their GCSE course requirements.

You will find the consent form on ParentPay. Please could you complete this at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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