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Dear Families,

Geography Fieldtrip to Stratford/Newham – Tuesday 19th January 2027

On Tuesday 19th January 2027, Sandringham delivers our second Extended Learning Day (ELD) of the school year. The Geography Faculty use this opportunity to provide Year 12 Geography students with a chance to visit the Stratford Olympic Park and surrounding areas of East London to examine issues related to their ***'contrasting place'***, a case study that forms a compulsory part of the specification for **Unit 4A: Regenerating Places.** First-hand experience of the area is beneficial to their understanding and helps distinguish from their ***'local place'.***

Additionally, it is an opportunity to **practice primary fieldwork techniques that may be used for the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA), which makes up 20% of the A Level qualification.** This constitutes one of four days of compulsory fieldwork that students must complete to fulfil the requirements of the specification.

Students will need to arrive independently at St Albans City station entrance to meet with myself and other staff members by **9.15am**. They will need to purchase a return train ticket when we meet at the station, which is expected to cost approximately **£25**.

Whilst in Stratford, we will be conducting simple fieldwork exercises both outside and inside. Students are allowed to wear casual clothes but should wear sensible footwear and bring waterproofs or warm clothes to suit the weather. Most of the day will be spent outside in the open air.

Students may opt to bring money to purchase lunch, or bring a packed lunch, as no food will be provided. They will need a pencil case and a clipboard if possible. All academic resources needed for study during the day will be provided. If your child is in receipt of a bursary, then financial assistance can be arranged. If a student chooses not to participate, they will be required to attend school as normal to undertake arranged ELD activities based in school on that day.

Once the fieldwork is completed, students are allowed to make their way home independently or stay in London as they wish. **If you do not give permission for this please email me on gossr@mysandstorm.org and they will come back with teaching staff for an approximate arrival to St Albans City Station between 3.00-3.30pm.** They can then make their own way home from here. Please also email if they are unable to attend this trip for any reason.

Yours sincerely,

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