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Dear Families,

Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip to Preston Montford FSC, Shropshire
Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th September 2026

As you are aware, Year 11 Geographers are set to undertake their compulsory fieldwork visit to Preston Montford FSC from **Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th September 2026**. Fieldwork carried out during the trip will provide vital practice developing and critiquing the use of fieldwork skills which will be examined in Paper 3 of their final GCSE exams this summer. Students will be required to answer questions on 'Familiar' and 'Unfamiliar' fieldwork, gained through carrying out fieldwork enquiries. This makes this short trip extremely important for the students. To ensure they are adequately prepared for the visit, key information about the trip is as follows:

Students will need to be at school and waiting outside of the Sandpit Theatre **by 8.00am with their bags**. Students should be dressed appropriately for outdoor fieldwork – studies in an urban city centre – to be carried out in the afternoon. They will register with Miss Goss before the coach **leaves at 8.30am**. They will please need to bring the following with them:

- Sensible and appropriate outdoor clothing for three days
- A waterproof coat with a hood
- Waterproof trousers (*also available to hire at the centre for £1 a day*)
- Sensible outdoor shoes for use in the field
- Wellington boots (*also available to hire at the centre for £5 refundable deposit*)
- Clothes to wear in the evening suitable and appropriate for the classroom
- Sun cream and a hat (*in the event of warmer weather*)
- A pair of trainers / shoes to wear in the evening
- Towel
- Toiletries (*no aerosols or sprays are permitted*)
- A suitable day bag / rucksack to carry a packed lunch and any appropriate equipment
- Stationery, including a calculator, pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters
- Lined paper / notebook
- Clipboard and a large clear plastic bag (*big enough to write inside if it rains*)
- A lunch box and water bottle

It will be necessary for students to bring a day bag / rucksack with them on the day of departure as we will be conducting fieldwork on the way to the FSC, arriving there in the early afternoon. Students also need to bring a packed lunch for the journey. If your child usually receives free

school meals and would like to have a packed lunch provided, please let us know. Any outstanding payments should be made by ParentPay.

In case of any enquiries, the address of the accommodation is:

Preston Montford Field Centre
Montford Bridge
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY4 1DX
Telephone: 01743 852040

We anticipate **returning to school at around 4.30 – 5.00pm on Friday 25th September**, but this is subject to traffic and weather conditions on the roads.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Goss
Teacher of Geography – KS4 Responsibility

