



23 January 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 13 Geography residential fieldwork to Snowdonia

Thursday 28th March to Sunday 31st March 2019

We have organised a residential field visit to Snowdonia, North Wales, to study the impact of Glaciation on the landscape. These fieldwork days have been developed over the last 18 years to provide an in depth course that is a significant benefit to our A level students. In fact, we consider this course essential for all our A2 students to attend.

Travel arrangements for the fieldwork will involve travel by school minibuses driven and supervised by staff, all of whom have received relevant training. The teachers leading the visit will be Mr Gowler, Mr Carter, Mrs Brown and a retired colleague, Mr Pack. Our contact details are:

**Pen-y-Pass YHA,
Nantgwynant, Gwynedd, LL55 4NY
Tel: 0345 371 9534
Tel.: D Gowler - Mobile 07949 238 505**

The itinerary is subject to variation due to the possibility of inclement weather, but is likely to be as follows:

Thursday – depart STRS at 9am and travel to Snowdonia. We intend to stop for an early lunch break at a service area, probably near Oswestry. We will then proceed to Snowdonia to complete our first afternoon of fieldwork. **Good boots are important, plus warm clothes and waterproofs.** Upon completing fieldwork we will travel a short distance to the YHA at the Pen-Y-Pass where once checked -in and fed, we will make use of their classroom facilities in the evening to analyse the day's fieldwork.

Friday– Fieldwork at several locations with a particular focus on the Glacial landforms of the Nant Ffrancon valley and Cwm Idwal. The day will involve being outside for several hours and pupils should expect some extended walking over uneven terrain. Once again we will work until late evening. In the evening pupils should expect to work in the classroom until at least 9pm. Some free time will be provided once we have consolidated the days learning.

Saturday– Fieldwork to study the impact of glacial activity on the lowland landscape of North Wales and Anglesey. This will involve minibus travel to the town of Beaumaris in the morning to look at depostional features. In the afternoon we will visit Llanberis and Bews-Y-Coed . The evening will once again involve an extended study programme.

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Sunday – Depart hostel and complete any fieldwork that has been negatively impacted by inclement weather over the previous three days. We anticipate arriving back at STRS during the afternoon but cannot be precise at this stage depending on the amount of extra fieldwork we need to complete. We will advise pupils of an arrival time to inform you by telephone during the journey back to Gloucester.

What to take:

- Wet weather gear – a good waterproof coat and trousers (it often rains)
- Warm clothing – Layers, hat, scarf and gloves (we have done fieldwork in the snow before)
- Walking boots – We will often be walking over rough terrain and consequently trainers are not acceptable foot ware.
- Quick drying trousers (Jeans when wet are cold and uncomfortable).
- Clipboard & carrier bag to protect field notes. Pens, pencils etc for work.
- Food and drink containers are useful for packed lunches provided by the hostel from Friday to Sunday.
- Packed lunch for outward journey on Thursday (we will be stopping at a small services).
- Clothing and toiletries.
- Camera is useful but not essential.
- Mobile phones for contacting parents on return journey.
- Day rucksack (ensure outdoor fieldwork gear is packed in this for the first day as main luggage will be inaccessible in the minibuss trailer).

In order for the trip to take place, it must be self-financing, and so we invite you to make a contribution* of **£165.00**. Payment can be made online (Tucasi) or by cheque (**payable to Sir Thomas Rich's School**) or in cash. I appreciate that this may prove difficult and consequently we are happy to receive this payment in smaller instalments. If you wish to do so please contact either myself (dag@strs.org.uk) or the Finance Office (finance@strs.org.uk).

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the reply/consent form attached and return to the **Finance Office**** with full or part payment by **1 February 2019**.

Yours faithfully

David Gowler, Head of Geography

**Parents on low incomes and in receipt of certain benefits (see School's Charging and Remission Policy) may contact the School for support in meeting the cost. If parents are unable to make the contribution their child will not necessarily be excluded from the visit but it may be cancelled if there are insufficient voluntary contributions.*

*** open to students at break times and lunch time only.*

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Sir Thomas Rich's School: Consent - Off-site Visits (inc. personal & medical information)

The information being collected on this form is important to ensure that appropriate care and support is available for your child on school visits. We handle all data you provide to us in line with Data Protection Legislation and our own Data Protection Policy.

1. Description and date of visit:

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK 2019, Snowdonia – 27 – 30 March 2019

2. Name of participant: _____ Form: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Student Mobile No.: _____

3. Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Student Mobile No.: _____

4. Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

5. Contact Telephone Numbers:

Day: _____ Evening: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

6. Additional Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone number(s) _____

7. Can your child swim 50 metres? **YES/NO**

8. Does he/she have any special dietary needs? **YES/NO** If yes, please provide details

9. **Medical Information:**
 - A. Is your child allergic to anything (e.g. antibiotics, elastoplast, aspirin, any particular food? **YES/NO** If yes, please give details:

 - B. Does he/she suffer from diabetes, migraine, epilepsy, bad period pains or any other illness or disability? **YES/NO** If yes, give details:

C. If a residential visit, does your child have any night-time tendencies e.g. sleepwalking, nightmares, bed-wetting? **YES/NO** If yes, please give details

D. Has your child had any recent significant illness or injuries? YES/NO If yes, give details:

E. Has your child been in contact with any infectious or contagious illness in the last 4 weeks? YES/NO If yes, give details:

F. Is he/she receiving any medication at present? YES/NO If yes, give details and state any special precautions required or side effects.

I wish a member of **staff/ my child*** to administer the above medication. ***Please delete as appropriate.***

Parental declaration and medical consent

- I agree to my child taking part in the visit.
- I understand that the visit staff will take all reasonable care of participants.
- I undertake to inform the visit leader of any changes in the medical or other circumstances of my child prior to the visit.
- **I give/ do not give*** my consent for visit staff to provide treatment for minor ailments such as headaches, colds, rashes, sunburn with "off the shelf" products commonly available from chemists e.g. paracetamol, antiseptic cream, throat lozenges.
- **I give/ do not give*** my consent to any emergency treatment deemed necessary and authorise the visit leader to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities should medical treatment (a surgical operation or injection) be deemed necessary and any delay in contacting me might, in the opinion of the doctor or surgeon concerned, endanger my child's health and safety. ****please delete as appropriate***

Payment

- ☐ I include payment of **£165.00**
- ☐ I include payment of _____ (agreed with Mr Gowler / Finance Office) in instalments of _____
- ☐ I have paid online OR
- ☐ I enclose cash / cheque (payable to Sir Thomas Rich's School)

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

N.B. IF YOU WISH TO WITHHOLD YOUR CONSENT FOR ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OR QUALIFY YOUR CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS BELOW:

IF YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW YOUR CONSENT, PLEASE CONTACT trips@strs.org.uk.

Thank you.