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15th September 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

Geography London Trip

As part of your child's Geography GCSE course, they are taking part in a residential trip to London. This gives your child the opportunity to enhance their studies by visiting the Olympic Park, a site of urban regeneration as well as experiencing the vibrant culture of Shoreditch and The South Bank, all of which are part of the GCSE curriculum. In addition to this we will be visiting the Natural History Museum and Canary Wharf.

The trip will take place on **Monday 20th October to Wednesday 22nd October 2025**. Please can ALL balances be paid at your earliest convenience - without the full contributions the trip will not be able to go ahead. The cost of the trip covers staffing, travel, accommodation, as well as breakfast and lunch. We will discuss evening meals closer to the date as we will have several options that will suit various budgets.

The train times are as follows:

Carlisle to Euston. **Departs 06:47/** arrives 10:12. To make sure all registers (safeguarding) and instructions can be shared can you **ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES NO LATER THAN 06:20**.

Euston to Carlisle. Departs 14:30/ **arrives 17:33**. Please can you be at Carlisle train station to pick up your child in good time.

PLEASE BE VERY AWARE THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS LATE THE TRAIN WILL NOT WAIT!

The itinerary will be as follows:

We will be staying at the **YHA London Central**, the accommodation can be viewed here; [YHA London Central Hostel](#) | [Cheap Central London Accommodation](#) (free WiFi available).

Day 1 – Travel to London and drop luggage off at the hostel. The next part of this busy day will be to visit Shoreditch to experience an excellent example of regentrification (**GCSE – opportunities in HIC urban areas**) and the opportunities offered in urban areas. We will finish the day in the Westfield Centre (**GCSE – regeneration and integrated transport**) where students will be able to get their evening meal at a variety of outlets to suit all budgets.

Day 2 – Travel to the Natural History Museum (<https://www.nhm.ac.uk>). We will then travel via tube to Westfield Centre (The Olympic Park) for lunch (**GCSE – urban greening/sustainable cities**). After lunch, we will visit the Olympic Park (<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/>) and complete a number of field study tasks that critique the regeneration of the Lower Lee Valley. We will finish the day in the Westfield Centre (**GCSE – regeneration and integrated transport**) where students will be able to get their evening meal at a variety of outlets to suit all budgets.

Day 3 – Visit Canary Wharf via a trip up the River Thames, taking in some iconic London landmarks, (**GCSE - urban greening & integrated transport**) before returning home.

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Food: Your child will need a water bottle and a packed lunch for day 1. We currently have enough to buy their evening meal, but if they want to, can choose to eat at a place of their choice – **but at their own expense**. For day 2 and 3 your child will have a continental breakfast and a packed lunch, at the moment the evening meal on day 2 will be covered by the school, but the same choice as on day 1 will be offered to students. This means that your child does not currently need any money for the trip! If your child decides to bring money this is YOUR choice and the school will not accept responsibility if it is lost, or misplaced.

Phones: We fully understand that all students have phones and whilst on the fieldtrip students can use their devices to document their experience, as well as keep in touch with their families. This said, PHONES ARE OPTIONAL AND IF TAKEN THE SCHOOL TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS, OR DAMAGE.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me at the Academy on 01228 822644 or by email; andrew.richardson@rrma.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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