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JL/TR

17th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geology Fieldtrip

As your child is studying GCSE Geology at Morton Academy, all students are required to undertake two days of fieldwork as part of their course. The fieldwork days will give students the opportunity to enhance their learning and personal development of the subject. The trip(s) will take place on Monday, 24th June and Tuesday, 25th June 2024 (exact timings to be confirmed).

Field Studies Council

Miss Lockley, the Geology teacher will be attending the fieldtrip along with the students; however, the day will be run by staff members of the Field Studies Council. FSC are the leading provider of environmental fieldwork and outdoor learning for school groups, providing fun and educational trips. There is no substitute for first-hand experiences in nature. FSC school trips bring classroom learning to life to develop skills such as resilience and independence, and building relationships with peers.

Cost

The total cost of the visits is £100, this covers staffing, tuition, and transport for both days. To secure the trip with FSC, a deposit of £25 (non-refundable) will be required and will need to be paid via Parent Pay by Friday, 1st December. The remaining balance is required in 3 monthly instalments. The second payment of £25 will be due by Wednesday, 28th February, the third payment of £25 by Thursday, 28th March, and the final payment of £25 by Monday, 29th April 2024. If there is any issue with the payment plan, please don't hesitate to contact me at the academy.

Itinerary

The itinerary will be as follows, although an updated letter will be sent closer to the visit:

Day 1 (Monday) - Metamorphic aureole day walking from the centre, to include grade mapping.

Day 2 (Tuesday) - Eden Valley sedimentary day - Mell Fell conglomerate to include sampling for orientation, Penrith aeolian sandstone to include dip and strike, Armathwaite fluvial sandstone to include logging.

As the trip will take place outside, students will need:

- A packed lunch and plenty to drink (preferably water), enough to last them throughout the day.
- Activity clothes: Lightweight clothes, eg tracksuit, leggings, jumpers, t-shirts etc. (These clothes may get wet so please, no heavy clothing as it is not appropriate.)
- Appropriate outdoor shoes that your child will be comfortable in for the duration of the day.
- A warm/waterproof jacket or sun cream depending on the weather.

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As stated, this is a basic but adequate list, if you feel more is practical or required, please feel free to pack accordingly for the day. It must be stressed that it is fieldwork, so practical clothing is the best as opposed to 'fashionable' attire. All specialist and safety equipment will be provided by the school and FSC, however, we do have an amount of outdoor equipment (fleeces/ wellies etc) that can be borrowed by prior arrangement.

If you would like your child to attend the visit, please complete the reply slip below. All payments must be paid via Parent Pay to confirm your child's place.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

J. Lockley

Miss Lockley
Teacher of Geology

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Permission Slip – Please return your slip to Miss Lockley

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I give permission for my child: Tutor:
to attend the GCSE Geology Field trip on Monday, 24th and Tuesday, 25th June 2024.

I can confirm that payment will be made via Parent Pay by the deadline dates.

I confirm that medical and contact information are as currently held by the school.

Signed Parent/Carer: Date: