

13 October 2010

Dear Parents

Year 12 AS Geography Visits to Portsmouth & Southsea on Mon 8 November and to the New Forest on Thursday 18 November 2010

Your son or daughter will be visiting urban sites around Portsmouth and Southsea and the New Forest on the above dates as part of their AS / IB Geography course. The aim of both days is to provide the students with an opportunity to collect data for their “Geographical Skills” AS module 2, or IB coursework as well as case study material for their Physical and Human Systems AS module 1 or the Core Section of the IB course.

On **both days** we will meet at school at 8.35am and return to school by 3.45pm.

The students will be outside all day on **BOTH** days, and should ensure that they have warm and waterproof clothing as well as plenty of lunch. On the river’s day (New Forest) they will be quite exposed if the weather is bad. The department reserves the right to refuse to take a pupil if they feel he/she is inadequately dressed.

Suggested kit list:

1. Warm clothing – layers like a shirt, sweatshirt and fleece.
2. Sensible shoes/boots/trainers with a good grip (not Wellingtons)
3. **Waterproof clothing** (jacket and trousers)
4. Gloves and hat
5. Packed lunch and drinks for the full day
6. Clipboard/pen/ruler/notebook/clear plastic bags to protect field notes.
7. Camera, if possible.

All the equipment should be carried in a small rucksac – **not** a shoulder bag. There will be no charge for the day. Please return the attached consent form which will cover both day trips. If there are any problems or queries concerning these arrangements, please do not hesitate to telephone me at school.

Yours sincerely

Miss S. Stewart
Head of Geography