

September 2010

Dear Parents

Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

As part of our current work on energy and sustainability, the Year 9 geographers are being offered the chance to carry out investigative work at Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Group 1 will consist of pupils in 9T, U, V and 9W (Barnes to Laly inclusive), and these pupils will enjoy this fieldwork opportunity on 5 October 2010. Group 2 will comprise pupils in 9X, Y, Z and 9W (Mugford to Wragg inclusive) and they will carry out the same work on 7 October 2010.

The day will include two elements of fieldwork. The pupils will spend the morning collecting data from a number of locations within Queen Elizabeth Country Park and these figures will then be used in some follow up work back at school. Pupils will gain invaluable hands-on experience of collecting data and the associated data presentation and analysis will serve as excellent preparation for their future studies. The second objective of the visit is to learn more about the options for sustainable living and this will be delivered by the specialist education team at Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

The study of energy, climate change and renewable technologies provides a great opportunity for a cross-curricular link between the Geography and Physics Departments here at PGS and as such, pupils will be further exploring the design and efficiency of wind turbines through a workshop to be held in school by the Physics Department.

Transport to the Queen Elizabeth Country Park will be by coach. We will leave school immediately after morning registration and we will return to school by 4pm. Pupils should wear practical clothes, ensuring that they are adequately equipped for all weather conditions.

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Please return this slip to your child's Geography teacher

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Pupil Name _____ Tutor _____

My son / daughter would like to attend the Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

Please circle the relevant teaching group:

Group 1: Tuesday 5 October 2010 : 9T 9U 9V 9W (Barnes to Laly)

Group 2: Thursday 7 October 2010 : 9X 9Y 9Z (Mugford to Wragg)

*Please add the cost of the trip (£10) to my school account / *I enclose a cheque for £10

*(Please delete as appropriate)

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Notably, please bring:

- Packed lunch and snacks to sustain you all day
- Plenty of water (1 litre minimum)
- Sturdy footwear – trainers or walking boots, no flip flops please
- Waterproof jacket, suitable for a downpour rather than a shower
- Long trousers to protect legs from bracken and brambles - no jeans please
- Jumper / fleece (the weather can change very quickly)
- Sun cream
- Sun hat
- Notebook and writing equipment (including pencils). Biro's don't work in the rain!
- A clear plastic bag to sit on / write in
- Pupils may wish to bring a small amount of money to spend in the Visitor Centre shop
- A small rucksack containing the above

The total cost for the day will be £10 which includes the cost of coach transport and a small charge for the use of facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park Visitor Centre. Please return the two consent forms attached so that we have your son/daughter's up to date details. If there are any problems or queries concerning these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Howlett
Teacher of Geography