



**LEIGHTON PARK**  
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6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **GCSE Geography Field Trip**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the Geography Department will be taking the Year 11 students studying for the Geography iGCSE on two day field trips to the River Pang and Reading Town Centre. The cohort will be split into two groups, one of which will go to the River Pang on 17<sup>th</sup> September and Reading Town Centre on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and one which will do the opposite.

Your son/daughter will be in the first group and will go to the River Pang on 17<sup>th</sup> September and Reading Town Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The field trips will build upon the theory the students have covered in the topics from the iGCSE course on river environments and urban environments and will provide a great opportunity for the students to see first-hand the landscapes they have studied. Students will carry out a group investigation along the River Pang, including measuring changes in the river channel and testing water quality. On the urban field trip day they will map land use changes along a transect line through Reading and complete an environmental quality survey. The students will use the information gathered during these two field trips days to answer section C questions in their iGCSE Geography exams next summer.

**We will be departing from Leighton Park at 8:30am and return to school at approximately 4:15pm.**

All students will wear their school games kit for the trip. This must be their school issue tracksuit trousers rather than shorts, skirts or skorts. On the rivers day they will need to be fully equipped with waterproof trousers and wellington boots, along with clothing suitable for spending the whole day outside including a water/windproof jacket. On the urban day, sturdy shoes or trainers are required. A hat and sunscreen are essential requirements. Given that students will be issued a clipboard and that they will need to carry these items, I advise that each student should bring a small backpack. We will fully brief all students on these issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions. I can be contacted directly via e-mail: [oliverstaines@leightonpark.com](mailto:oliverstaines@leightonpark.com)

Yours sincerely,

**Oliver Staines**  
**Head of Geography**

**Eddie Falshaw**  
**Deputy Head**

**Please return this slip fully completed to your Geography teacher by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the latest.**

**Year 11 Geography Trip Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Student Name:** ..... **Tutor Group:** .....

I give permission for ..... to attend the iGCSE Geography field trips to River Pang on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Reading Town Centre on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Parent/Guardian contact number for 17<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October: .....

Pupil contact mobile number for 17<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October: .....

Please state below if your son/daughter has any dietary requirements or allergies/medical conditions:

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I understand that students will be with teachers for the majority of the time or in small groups in close proximity to one another. I understand that, at times, the students will be working independently and consequently not directly supervised when carrying out their group work in Reading.

Signed ..... (Parent/Guardian)

Dated.....