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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Independent enquiry field trip – 22/10/2020

Trip Leader – Mr Hughes

A key component of the Geography A Level course is a unit entitled “Independent Investigation” where all students must undertake physical and human fieldwork research which makes up **20% of the A Level course**. We completed the physical element this time last year at the Holderness coastline but must now complete the human research. This year’s investigations will involve researching ‘Rebranding’ in Derby City Centre.

As a result of the Covid pandemic there are several factors you must be aware of.

Transport

Students must make their own way both to and from Derby. This can be by either public transport or parental transport. Students are to meet at Derby Bus Station at 9.30am with the scheduled finish at the Bus Station around 3pm. Students must be aware of current laws involving public transport and face coverings, which must be worn at all times, as well as regular use of hand sanitiser. If transporting students yourself this would not apply unless you are offering a lift to a student outside your household e.g. a friend of son or daughter. In this case, face coverings must be worn by all in the vehicle for the duration of the journey. Please either email hughes@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk or complete the reply slip below to confirm the travel arrangements.

Food

Students must bring all their food and drink requirements for the entire day with them. They will not be allowed to purchase food from outlets within Derby on the day.

Face Coverings

For the majority of the day students will be outside and able to socially distance from members of the public. However, there will be occasions when walking around the city that this might not be possible, therefore students must bring their own face covering and a spare as well as hand sanitiser. Staff will carry extras, however these would be for emergency use only.

Symptoms

If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 prior to the visit your child must stay at home isolating and not take part in the visit. Please inform school in the normal manner. If a student begins to display symptoms whilst on the visit, they will be isolated from the group and it will be the parent/carers responsibility to collect their child as soon as possible.

Uniform and Behaviour

Due to potential weather conditions during the day, students will not be required to wear their school uniform, dress code must be practical, smart casual. Therefore, no ripped jeans or leggings. Students will need to be prepared for potential cold and wet weather and bring with them both warm and waterproof clothing. Students **MUST** bring and wear their school lanyard and I.D. to show we are working as an ‘educational bubble’. In the event of persistent poor weather having a genuine impact on the research being carried out, we may make the decision to shorten the day, in this event we will ask students to make contact with you before we dismiss them. Whilst we do not anticipate challenging behaviour, the students are representing the school and we expect their behaviour to reflect this.

Cost

As a result of the independent transport arrangements, there will be no cost for this visit, but it is essential to return permission and confirmation of transport arrangements below.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hughes should you have any questions or queries about this trip.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Hughes
Teacher of Geography

REPLY SLIP

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(Please return this slip to Mr Hughes as soon as possible)

Student: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the fieldwork day in Derby on 22/10/20.

Medical Requirements: _____

Please detail the transport arrangements of your son/daughter below:

Parent/Carer: _____ *(please print)*

Parent/Carer: _____ *(please sign)*

Date: _____