

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 Compulsory GCSE Derby Fieldtrip**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Geographical Investigation Fieldwork**

**Trip Leader – Mr Machin**

A key component of the Geography GCSE course is a unit entitled 'UK Geographical Issues'. The unit makes up 37.5% of the GCSE course. As part of this unit of work all students are expected to carry out two days of fieldwork in order to complete their GCSE examination. The fieldwork will be composed of two fieldtrips, a human (urban) fieldtrip and a physical (river) fieldtrip. The physical fieldtrip along the River Dove happened in Year 10 and was a huge success. We are now planning the second trip which focusses on human geography around Derby, this is timetabled for November 2023. For the human element, students will visit three different locations in Derby: Allestree, Darley Abbey and Mackworth, in order to investigate the question 'How, and why, quality of life varies in urban areas?'

### **Year 11 GCSE Human Geography Fieldtrip to Derby**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Mr Hughes 11P1  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Mr Hughes 11Q2  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Miss Edwards 11Q1  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Miss Edwards 11T1  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Mr Machin's 11P2

Students are to meet on the bus bay at 8.40am on the appropriate day and will return at approximately 3.00pm that afternoon. All students must bring a packed lunch or a small amount of money as there will be an opportunity to buy lunch at Derbion food court.

The total cost of this trip is £14 per student (to cover the cost of transport and resources). The law does not allow us to make a charge for this type of activity, though we may ask for voluntary contributions. No student will be excluded from this activity because of a parent's unwillingness or inability to make a financial contribution, but, unless the voluntary contributions cover the cost of the activity, it will not be able to go ahead.

Please could you confirm your contribution to the cost of this trip, as well as your agreement for your child to take part, on ParentPay\* by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [machin@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:machin@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr Byron Machin  
**Teacher of Geography**

*\*by clicking the "consent" button on ParentPay to confirm the payment detailed above, you are also confirming that the emergency contact and medical details we have on our system are correct for your child. Please inform me as a matter of urgency should there be any changes to the details we hold.*