



6th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Physical Fieldwork Trip - Geographical Investigation Fieldwork Trip Leader – Mr Machin

A key component of the Geography GCSE course is a unit entitled "UK Geographical issues". As part of this unit of work, **all students** are expected to carry out 2 days of fieldwork, in order to complete their exam in summer 2026. The students will be completing their human geography fieldwork in the Autumn term of Year 11. In the summer term of Year 10 they are going to complete the physical geography aspect of the fieldwork which will include river studies at three different locations around Ashbourne. Students will be measuring river velocity and changes in river features with distance downstream.

Year 10 GCSE Physical Geography Fieldtrip to Dovedale

20/05/25 - 10Q1/GG (Mr Hughes / Miss Tomlinson)

21/05/25 - 10T1/GG (Mr Machin)

23/05/25 - 10P1/GG (Miss Wilband / Mr Machin)

Students are to meet on the bus bay at 8.40am on the appropriate day and they will return at approximately 3pm.

Students will be required to bring a packed lunch on the day of the trip.

All students will be required to bring a change of clothing to school as they may get a little wet during the visit. Wellingtons or an old pair of trainers will be suitable footwear for the river surveys.

Kit List

- Waterproof jacket (essential)
- Wellingtons/old trainers (no flip flops or pumps)
- Packed lunch
- Pencils (better than pens!)
- Clear plastic bag (to protect notes and paper)
- Sensible clothes that will dry quickly if they get wet. Shorts or tracksuit bottoms are much more suitable than jeans
- A dry pair of socks to change into afterwards
- A small towel
- There may be an opportunity for students to buy an ice cream at the end of the visit. Therefore, a small amount of money may be required.

Hazards

Whilst completing fieldwork in and around a river, there is a slight risk of exposure to a bacterial infection known as Leptospirosis (Weil's disease). Whilst the risk of contracting such an infection is extremely low, we do have a legal responsibility to alert you to the risk and provide you with the following information of symptoms:

- A feeling of having a flu-like illness
- Above normal temperature and/or feeling of chill
- Pains in joints and muscles (calf and back muscle pains being particularly noticeable)

Please consult a doctor if your child develops any of the symptoms above.

The **cost of this trip will be £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 can be excluded from the 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 cannot go ahead.

To confirm your contribution to the cost of this trip, as well as your agreement for your child to take part, please make payment via ParentPay* by **Friday 16th May 2025**. If you have problems making payment via ParentPay, you should contact finance@qegs.email as soon as possible.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at machin@qegs.email.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B 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.*