

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

Year 10 GCSE Geography Residential Fieldtrip to Dorset 12th-14th May 2025 OR Day trip to Hengistbury Head 6th May 2025

15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of your child's Geography GCSE they are expected to carry out fieldwork on a UK coastline. You need to **make a choice for either Option A or Option B - don't pay for both**. The **best trip for your child is the residential trip as they will get the most out of it for their GCSE**. **If you have any concerns about meeting the cost of the trip, please contact me as soon as possible (details below) as it is essential that all students attend.**

This is a superb opportunity for our Geography students to grasp the reality of some of the key concepts that they will study throughout the GCSE course. They will also complete **essential** fieldwork activities at Hengistbury Head, which is a **compulsory** part of the GCSE exam on Geographical Investigations.

Option A- Residential Dorset

- We have organised a **3-day residential trip** to Hengistbury Head near Christchurch in Dorset, 12th -14th May 2025, which is an **ideal** place to study coastal processes.
- The cost of the trip is **£145**. There are limited places and not all students will be able to go on this trip – **it's a first come first served basis on ParentMail**.
- The residential trip is for 3 days and 2 nights, and we will be staying at the YHA New Forest, which is a specialist field studies centre on the Jurassic Coast, ideally located close to many classic Geography fieldwork sites.
- We will be travelling by school mini-buses to and from school and to other destinations on the trip. The costs cover all travel, accommodation and food whilst in Dorset.
- The students will be sharing hostel accommodation at the YHA New Forest, according to gender.
- Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the first day.
- Students will travel in a school minibus, leaving Hendon School at **7am**. They will return on the minibus at approximately **6pm**.

How to secure a place

- To secure a place on the residential fieldtrip, please pay a **deposit of £72.50 by Monday 9th December 2024**.
- The remaining balance will be collected via 1 further payment of £72.50 14th February 2025. The only way to pay is through the school's online ParentPay system, which is

accessed through ParentMail. If you do not currently have access to ParentMail, please contact the Main Office for an activation form.

- **There are limited places for the residential trip, and we want to confirm final numbers and pay the deposit with the YHA in early November 2024, so we recommend quick return of the reply slips and payment of deposits to avoid disappointment.**

Option B - Daytrip Hengistbury Head

- For **students not** undertaking the residential fieldtrip there will be the opportunity to undertake the fieldwork as a **day trip** on Tuesday 6th May 2025, at a cost of **£15**.
- On this trip students will carry out the essential fieldwork on Hengistbury Head before heading back to Hendon.
- Students will travel in a school minibus, leaving Hendon School at **7am**. They will return on the minibus at approximately **6pm**.

For Option A or Option B Students will need to bring:

- Sturdy footwear is recommended, either walking shoes or good trainers for walking across the beach. No heels or flip flops.
- **Warm and waterproof outdoor clothing is essential** in the event of bad weather. **Students must come with a waterproof coat.**
- Sun cream in the event of good weather.
- A **packed lunch for the day** and it is essential they bring a water bottle.
- There will be brief opportunities to buy snacks during the day, so a small amount of spending money is recommended.
- Students receiving free school meals can be catered for however this will need to be arranged in advance with the canteen. Students who want a lunch from the canteen can request a lunch with me in advance of the trip.

Please read, sign and return the attached code of conduct and medical form, as the department has clear behaviour expectations to permit attendance on the trip.

The only way to pay is through the school's online payment system, which is accessed via ParentMail. If you do not currently have access to ParentMail, please contact the Main Office for an activation form.

We will provide a full briefing of activities in due course. If you have any further queries, please contact me via email below.

Yours sincerely,

J. Lawy

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Hendon School
Code of Conduct for pupils undertaking school visits/journeys and parent consent

Proposed visit **GCSE Coastal Fieldtrip (Dorset)**

Date(s) – please chose from the following:

Option A: Residential trip Monday 12th – 14th May, 2025 (delete as appropriate)

Or

Option B: Day trip Tuesday 6th May 2025 (delete as appropriate)

Student's name (Capital letters)

Students are expected to:

1. Exercise personal responsibility for the safety of themselves and others.
2. Instructions from Hendon staff must be followed.
3. Observe any safety rules or special requirements set out by local volunteers and instructions from staff must be followed.
4. Observe the Hendon School 'Code of conduct for Students' which requires students to be respectful, courteous and organised.
5. Not leave the group without permission
6. Be on time
7. Show respect for transport facilities used

To the pupil

I have read, understood and agree to observe the code of conduct set out above. I realise that a failure to meet its requirements may mean that, apart from other sanctions, I may not be allowed to undertake further school journeys or visits in the future.

I realise that any internal or external exclusions from the date of receiving this letter will be taken into consideration and may prevent me from attending this trip.

Signed..... Date

To the parent:

In the event of a serious incident where a student is posing health and safety risks to themselves and others; and is consistently refusing to follow reasonable instructions from members of staff, we have the right to remove the student from the trip activities with immediate effect.

As parent of the above-named pupil I hereby consent to his/her taking part in, and being a member of, the party for the above-mentioned activity.

Signed..... Date

Return signed form to Dr Lawy, in the Humanities office.

Please note below any medical needs which the organiser should be aware, including allergies, medications and medical conditions:
