

TON/JRA

May 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Geography Field Studies Day

Your son is, at present, studying his GCSE in Geography. A compulsory element of the course is to produce a 2000 word assignment (controlled conditions) which is centred on collecting primary data. The titles of which are set by the examination boards. For the 2016/17 cohort the title is:

‘Why has the development of ‘out of town’ retail services in your chosen area caused conflict?’

As there are 120 students studying this subject, it is far better to keep the selected area element, local. Therefore, with this in mind, the study area will be Northampton (Abington Street) and Riverside.

The dates for the field studies days for your son’s class will be the **13th and 14th June 2016**. They will need to be in full school uniform, no trainers and dressed appropriately for all weathers with their survey sheets which have been prepared in advance.

The arrangements are for classes **ERH 101M, TON 10M2 AND RDA 10GM** to go out on the **13th June during period 6 & 7 to Riverside**. A coach will collect them at **1pm** and take them to Riverside. Before the afternoon session starts they will be given the opportunity to break for lunch. At Riverside there are some fast food chains available where lunch can be purchased or alternatively they can eat a packed lunch. At 3:45 after a full afternoon of collecting data for their assignment, the group will be collected by coach and returned to school. Anticipated arrival time at school will be **4pm** where they will be dismissed.

On the **14th June** the same classes will need to meet in the concourse at **8:15am**. Here they will meet with their class teacher and walk as a group into town. They will then be given the opportunity to work in groups and again collect primary data. At 11:30 the intention is to walk back to school; students will re-join their timetable at period 5.

Please could I also ask that you complete the permission slip with emergency contact details and return it to your son’s Geography Teacher by the **7th June 2016**. Without a reply slip your son will not be able to attend.

Could I also request a voluntary contribution of **£1.00** for the cost of the transport. This payment can be made via parent pay or as a cheque made out to Northampton School *for Boys*. Please put your son’s name and ‘Geography field trip 2016’ on the reverse.

If you have any further enquiries about the GCSE Geography Field Studies day then please contact your son’s Geography Teacher on 01604 2302040.

Mrs T O’Neill
Geography Co-ordinator

Geography Field Study Days 13th & 14th June 2016



Please return this slip to your Geography Teacher

I give permission for my son _____

in Geography class: _____

to attend the Geography field Trip on the 13th & 14th June 2016.

Name _____

Signed _____

Please provide two emergency contacts and their numbers.

1. Name: _____ Tel Number _____

2. Name: _____ Tel Number _____

Please provide details of any SEN or Medical information below.