

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK IN SOUTHWOLD – Monday 28, September or Tuesday, 29 September 2026

As you may be aware, fieldwork is a compulsory aspect of the AQA GCSE Geography course. Students must undertake two geographical enquiries outside the classroom and school grounds for their GCSE. They have already completed their human fieldwork in October 2025, but in order to fulfil this requirement, the geography department will be taking half of the students to Southwold on the Monday, 28 September and the remaining half on Tuesday, 29 September to investigate coastal management with the Geography Fieldwork Academy - <https://www.geographyfieldworkacademy.co.uk/>.

The purpose of the trip is two-fold. Firstly, it allows students to participate in a small-scale geographical investigation about the physical geography of a place, exploiting the geographical rigours of fieldwork. Secondly, it prepares the students for Paper 3 titled 'Geographical Applications': in particular Section B – fieldwork. Further information about the AQA Geography GCSE course can be found at: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF>.

For the trip to take place, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£36** per pupil. This covers the cost of transport and the fieldwork, which is being led by a team of experts from Geography Fieldwork Academy. Payment is to be made via Parent Mail and the deadline is 10 July 2026. **Please also tick to give consent for your son/daughter to attend.**

Please note that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding (Free School Meals at present or Free School Meals within the last 6 years or Previously/Looked After Child), you may be able to receive Pupil Premium funding towards the cost of school trips. Please contact Mr Roopnarain to discuss this further (roopnarains@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

A second letter will be sent home closer to the date outlining the itinerary and the day your son/daughter will be going on the trip. Students will not be expected to have any specialist equipment or clothing for this trip.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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