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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that, as part of your son/daughter's GCSE Geography course, they will be required to attend a 2-day residential Geography fieldtrip from 2 - 4 October 2024. The field trip will allow our students to cover much of the fieldwork requirements of their GCSE specification (examined 2025).

The field trip will run on **Wednesday 2 October (depart Ampleforth 8.00am) – Friday 4 October (return Ampleforth 2.30pm)**. The location will be the Field Studies Council field centre near Keswick, in Cumbria <https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/blencathra/>

As part of their Geography GCSE, students are required to undertake two geographical enquiries, each of which must include the use of primary data, collected as part of a fieldwork exercise. Fieldwork must take place outside the classroom and school grounds. Students' understanding of the enquiry process is tested in Paper 3. The Field Studies Centre provides a valuable opportunity for students to collect their fieldwork under the supervision and guidance of local experts. The 2-day programme allows students to fully immerse themselves in their Geography GCSE, using both the day and evenings to carry out human and physical enquiries. The facilities at the Centre include access to local, secondary data sources in addition to their primary data collection in the local area.

The cost of the trip will be **£300** including travel to the centre, full tuition, food and accommodation. The teaching will be carried out by the experienced staff at the Blencathra Field Centre, who have both the detailed local expertise and necessary qualifications to lead groups in the local field environment.

In line with School policy on visits, I will require **payment in advance** of the trip (details below). At this early stage I would need to ask for **a deposit of £50** in order to secure the booking with the Field Studies Centre by **Friday 22 September**. A letter will be sent at the start of next academic year (2024) requesting the final payment.

- Send a cheque made payable to *St Laurence Education Trust* – please quote reference B500-159, Year 11 Geography Trip 2024 on the reverse.
- By Bank transfer to the following bank account: Barclays Bank, sort code: 20-99-15, account no: 03744795, Account name, St Laurence Education Trust, reference number B500-159, Year 11 Geography Trip 2024.
- Over the phone with debit/credit card – details as above. Please call 01439 766782 for the finance office.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hannah Graham, Head of Geography

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