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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of your child's A Level Geography course they must complete a compulsory fieldwork investigation (Unit 4 Independent Investigation). Therefore, a place has been reserved for your child at Start Bay Field studies Centre, in Slapton, Devon for an A Level Geography Field Study from Monday 1 July to Thursday 4 July 2024.

The field study days will equip students with the fieldwork skills to complete their coursework which is 20% of their final grade and will also help the students to choose an area of study and question to focus their report on. The field study will therefore enhance the students understanding of the coursework, and give students specific primary data which they will be able to use to answer their chosen coursework study.

Start Bay Field Studies Centre is part of the Slapton Ley Field Studies complex and is a well-known and popular choice of venue for Geography field studies. It has experienced tutors and specialist equipment, as well as secure, comfortable accommodation and facilities. We have travelled to Slapton Field Studies Centre for our previous A Level cohorts and have seen the effects of its expert tutoring and application to the A level course reflected in positive exam results, which is why it has been specifically selected by St Martin's School. The field study will be led by Mrs Davis as well as specialist instructors trained by the Field Studies Council leading the field activity days, however students will be accompanied at all times by St Martin's staff.

More information about the centre can be found here:
<https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/startbay/>

Students will travel by train from Shenfield station down to Devon, where the FSC private mini bus will collect staff and students. Travel to and from the field centre on the field work days will be by their private mini bus.

The cost to student's for accommodation, travel and all meals at Start Bay will be £368.

A deposit of £120 should be paid via parent pay by Thursday 29 February 2024. Further payments of £120 by Friday 29 March 2023 and the final balance of £128 to be paid by Monday 29 of April 2023. If your son or daughter is in receipt of pupil premium funding and you wish to find out what assistance may be available to you please contact pp@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Please can you fill out and return the general information and medical information form, to the finance office. Please be aware that if your son or daughter has an out-of-date medical health care plan, they will be unable to attend this visit. Please contact our school nurse, Miss Day with the updated plan well in advance of the trip



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Thank you for your support of your child's geographical studies. If you have any questions or need further details, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Smith or Mrs Davis via email or by telephone on 01277 238300.

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Yours sincerely

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