



25 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of your son or daughter's A-level geography course they must complete a compulsory fieldwork investigation (Unit 4 Independent Investigation). Therefore, a place has been reserved for your son or daughter at Start Bay Field studies Centre, in Slapton, Devon for an A-level Geography Field Study from Monday 20 June to Thursday 23 June 2020.

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 questions 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. Other schools have travelled to Slapton Field Studies Centre 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 Allen and I. Specialist instructors trained by the Field Studies Council will lead the field activity days, however students will be accompanied at all times by geography department staff.

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

Travel to and from the field centre, from Hutton, and on the field work days will be by school mini bus.

The cost of the travel, staff cover and administration will be paid by the school. The cost to students for accommodation and all meals at Start Bay will be £249. The payment schedule is as follows:

	Instalments	Expected Balance
DUE		£249
Friday 11 February 2022	£83	£166
Thursday 31 March 2022	£83	£83
Friday 29 April 2022	£83	£0

Please can you complete and return the attached general information and medical information form to St Martin's House.

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Thank you for your support of your son or daughter's geographical studies. If you have any questions or need further details, please do not hesitate to contact me via email ebarton@st-martins.essex.sch.uk or by telephone on 01277 238300.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Barton
Teacher of Geography & Trip Leader

Trip: Start Bay Centre Date(s): Monday 20 June to Thursday 23 June 2022

I have read the letter and accompanying information to parents giving details of this visit and consent to my son or daughter taking part. I confirm that I have made the deposit payment of £83 via ParentPay and accept that once a place on the trip has been confirmed, all payments are non-returnable.

General Information:

Student Name		Form	
Home Address inc postcode			
Date of Birth			
Gender			
Home telephone no.			
Student Mobile			
Parent Name			
Parent Mobile			
Additional Emergency Contact:	Name	Number	

Medical and Dietary Information

Please give details below of any medical conditions (including Asthma, eczema etc) from which the student suffers and any medication they will be taking. Please do not assume that staff will be aware of these from the school's records. We need to be aware of any, and all, pre-existing conditions that apply. Please also note any special dietary needs or other information that will assist staff in the care and supervision of your son or daughter.

Please tick this box if there are no medical conditions to disclose

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I also agree to authorise members of staff during the course of the visit to approve such medical treatment for my child including anaesthetic as is deemed necessary in an emergency on the advice of a qualified medical practitioner.

Signed _____
[Person with parental responsibility]

Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____