



6 November 2019

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 8 June to Thursday 11 June 2020.

The field study days will equip students with the fieldwork skills to complete their coursework and will also help the students to choose an area of study and question to focus their report on. The field study will 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 Barton and Mr Richards. 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 fieldwork days will be by coach.

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 £366. A deposit of £100 should be paid via ParentPay by Friday the 29 November 2019 with a further payment of £100 by 28 February 2020 and the final balance of £166 to be paid by 31 March 2020.

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

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