



4 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Cancellation of the Year 13 Geography Fieldtrip**

It is with regret that I have to inform you of our decision to cancel the year 13 geography field trip to Slapton Ley Field Studies Centre in Devon that was scheduled for 7 - 10 September 2020.

We have taken the decision based on the recent guidelines issued by Ofqual and with the student's and staff's safety in mind. The recommendations do however, state that an NEA (non-examination assessment) is still required. We are still awaiting the actual guidelines from the exam board which we hope to have shortly.

With this in mind the students will most probably undertake some fieldwork more locally and on day trips (yet to be confirmed). This will give them the necessary skills to complete their projects. This will mostly likely incur a small cost and will be dependent on what type of fieldwork they undertake.

The school will seek a refund for any payments that you have made for the trip in due course. May I take this opportunity to apologise for the inconvenience and disappointment this cancellation may have caused, and reassure you that the geography department will make sure that all students have the necessary skills to undertake the NEA to the best of their ability.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by emailing [ebarton@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ebarton@st-martins.essex.sch.uk). I will of course keep you updated if anything else changes.

Yours sincerely

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**Teacher of Geography & Trip Leader**

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