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Dear Parent/Carer

Geography London Trip UPDATE

As part of your child's Geography GCSE course, they are taking part in a residential trip to London. This gives your child the opportunity to enhance their studies by visiting the Olympic Park, a site of urban regeneration as well as experiencing the vibrant culture of Shoreditch and The South Bank, all of which are part of the GCSE curriculum. In addition to this we will be visiting the Natural History Museum and Primrose Hill.

The trip will now take place on **Monday, 30th September to Wednesday, 2nd October 2024**. We ask all students that are attending the trip to make every effort to pay the balance for their trip (total - £275). Without the full contributions the trip will not be able to go ahead. The cost of the trip will cover staffing, travel, accommodation, as well as breakfast and lunch. We will discuss evening meals closer to the date as we will have several options that will suit various budgets.

The itinerary will be as follows:

We will be staying at the **YHA London Thameside**, the accommodation can be viewed here; <u>YHA London</u> <u>Thameside Hostel | Cheap Rotherhithe Accommodation</u> (free WiFi available).

Day 1 – Travel to London and drop luggage off at the hostel. The next part of this busy day will be to visit Shoreditch to experience an excellent example of regentrification (**GCSE** – **opportunities in HIC urban areas**) and the opportunities offered in urban areas. We will finish the day in the Westfield Centre (**GCSE** – **regeneration and integrated transport**) where students will be able to get their evening meal at a variety of outlets to suit all budgets.

Day 2 – Travel to the Natural History Museum (<u>https://www.nhm.ac.uk</u>). We will then travel via tube to The Olympic Park for lunch (**GCSE** – **urban greening/sustainable cities**). After lunch, it's time to complete fieldwork at the Olympic Park (<u>https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/</u>). We will complete a number of field study tasks that critique the regeneration of the Lower Lee Valley. We will finish the day in the Westfield Centre (**GCSE** – **regeneration and integrated transport**) where students will be able to get their evening meal at a variety of outlets to suit all budgets.

Day 3 – Visit and enjoy Primrose Hill and take a trip up the River Thames, taking in some iconic London landmarks, **(GCSE - urban greening and integrated transport)** before returning home.

<u>Thank you to those who have already paid. For those who have an outstanding balance, please can we ask that</u> <u>this is paid asap.</u> This is to ensure we can make the most of any offers for train travel and hotels. If we manage to receive a good deal on costings, we may be able to cover the cost of an evening meal, although this is not guaranteed.

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Please note that the offer of a place on the trip is dependent on the student's school record including factors such as attendance, progress and behaviour. The Academy reserves the right to withhold or withdraw the offer of a place at the discretion of the Principal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me at the Academy on 01228 822644 or by email; <u>andrew.richardson@rrma.org.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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