

Dear Parent/Carer

16 April 2018

I am writing to you to inform you of the plans for the A-Level Geography fieldtrip residential. We have been studying glaciation and students have chosen to go to the Snowdon region in Wales to carry out their fieldwork. Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the course and students are required by the exam board to complete four days in the geography field. It is a great opportunity to see the textbooks come to life. This trip will form three days of their fieldwork along with their Birmingham trip for Human Geography.

We are planning to conduct this fieldwork on **Monday 16 July to Wednesday 18 July 2018**, the last week of the school year. We will stay in a basic hostel in close proximity to the landscape we wish to see and carry out the fieldwork. We are also opening the opportunity to other year 12 students who would like to do some outdoor activity and partake in our fieldwork activities, sightseeing and/or photography. These kind of activities could also be included as part of a student's personal statement as it brings them beyond the realms of a classroom environment.

It is essential that your child has the correct clothing, which should include sensible shoes for walking and, as the weather can be unpredictable, a rain jacket and sun cream. They must also bring appropriate stationary and equipment to record their work. A full breakfast is included in the price. However, lunch and evening meal are not included but can be bought locally. I can include lunch and evening meal for £15.70 per day if required, but I will leave this decision to the students. <https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/snowdon-pen-y-pass>

We will travel to Snowdon in the Academy mini- bus. The teachers involved will be me, and Mr Robertson, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form. The total cost of the trip (inclusive of transport to Pen-y-pass and bed and breakfast accommodation) will be **£105** and spaces are limited to 6 males and 6 females (due to the booking of the hostel rooms and seats on the mini-bus). If you would like to reserve a place on the trip for your child please return the reply slip enclosed and include a non-refundable £50 deposit. Please place these in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and 'Snowdon Trip' on the front and hand to the Academy Finance Office no later than Friday 27 April 2018. You will also need to complete a separate medical/consent form nearer the time. Payment can be made using sQuid if this is your preferred method. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy or email me at: [commonsf@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org](mailto:commonsf@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org)  
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs F Commons**  
**Head of Geography**

**To: Mrs F Commons, Kingswood Secondary Academy.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the trip to Snowdon on 16 – 18 July 2018.

I enclose £50 deposit.

I enclose the full payment of £105

I have paid £50 deposit via sQuid.

I have paid £105 full payment via sQuid

*Please  as appropriate.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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