



7th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Field Study Centre in Snowdonia - Friday 13 - Sunday 15 November 2026

There are still 4 places left for y11 students studying Geography the opportunity to experience a geography residential experience at the 'FSC (Field Studies Council)' Field Study Centre in Snowdonia - Rhyd-y-creuau. The Drapers Field Centre. The date of this trip will be Friday 13th to Sunday 15th November 2026

The purpose of this trip is to help students understand and experience a glacial landscape beyond just looking at one in a textbook. We will also develop fieldwork techniques in this unique landscape to supplement the one-day field days we already do for Human (in Northampton) and physical (in Hunstanton) geography. These help with paper 1 and 3 of their examinations.

The full cost of this trip is £236.00 to be paid via MCAs. This payment will cover the cost of the transport, food, experienced Fieldwork Instructors, and access to ICT facilities. We have a limited number of places for this trip on a first come first served basis; 12 only. To secure your child's place on this trip we require a £100.00 deposit by Monday September 21st, this is to be paid via MCAs. The final payment will be due; Friday 2nd October 2026. If you have any queries, please contact Scrawford@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org or the school office on 01604 493211 or the email below. At this point the deposit is refundable. The deposit will become non-refundable when we reach 12 students on or before 2nd October 2026. We intend to leave school promptly at 7.30am on Friday 13th November and return to Thomas Becket Catholic School on Sunday 15th November by 5.00pm, traffic dependant. Students will be able to take their mobile phones and will be encouraged to make contact home whilst on route with a more specific ETA.

By making payment you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions associated with this trip:





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You grant permission for your son/daughter:

- to attend this trip.
- to receive medical treatment in an emergency if you cannot be contacted.

You confirm that:

- your child's medical details held by the school are up to date, and that you will inform us of any changes to these details between now and the trip date.
- you understand that if your child's behaviour in school gives cause for concern then they may be withdrawn from the trip and that any payments to date will not be refunded.
- Pupils are expected to obey the schools Behaviour Policy at all times whilst representing the school on external visits.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Sample Programme

Example Timetable

Please note that to ensure safe and quality learning experiences, the timetables may alter depending on weather conditions and local factors. This example timetable for a 3-day GCSE Field course, incorporating a minimum of 2 contrasting locations. These will be Lyn Idwal, Nant Ffrancon valley and Betws-y-Coed.

Day 1

Morning

Arrive by Midday - Arrival and settle into centre

Afternoon

Fieldwork Methodology Classroom introduction and visit a close by fieldwork location

Evening

Investigation follow up Data presentation, data analysis, conclusions and evaluation

Day 2

Morning

Fieldwork Methodology Classroom introduction and visit fieldwork location

Afternoon

Fieldwork Methodology Continue data collection with evaluation and data presentation as a cross-cutting theme

Evening

Investigation follow up Data presentation, data analysis, conclusions and evaluation

Day 3

Morning

Fieldwork Methodology Classroom introduction and visit a contrasting fieldwork location or return to first day location to complete study

Afternoon

Depart at 12:00

FSC: The safety of our visitors, teams and communities are of paramount importance to us. You can find out about how we are being Covid Secure, including our risk assessment and financial assurance, and explore the Courses and Experiences you can enjoy with FSC, and the place named above; please visit their website. FSC is part of the Learning Away Consortium, campaigning for Brilliant Residentials and all our Centres have been awarded the Quality Badge by The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, which covers your risk assessment requirements.



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