



October 2026

Dear parent/carers

Year 11 Northampton University: Waterside Campus: Human Geography fieldwork 'Day'

The Geography department has planned a 'Geography Day' at Northampton University, waterside campus. This is to enable the collection of Data for the Human Fieldwork component of their Paper 3 examination. In the GCSE Geography examination, questions will be asked about this fieldwork. It is important therefore, for all students to experience this opportunity. It is also worth noting it is 'National Fieldwork week'.

The following dates have been allocated: Thursday 8th October and Friday 9th October.

Approximately 40 students will go on each day. Students will go on one day only. This will be allocated by their teacher and will be non-negotiable.

Thursday 8th October

Miss Shocklidge's class – all of 11B- and the first half of Mr Polley's- 11B – Surname/2nd name, up to and beginning with the letter I only

Friday 9th October

Mr Cooke's class – all of 11C – Friday and the second half of Mr Polley's- 11C – Surname/2nd name from 1st letter, J to V.

We will begin leaving by 9.15am. Students should wear full school uniform. They will need a coat, packed lunch and drink. They will also need writing equipment. They could bring a small amount of money at their own risk.

A broad itinerary of the day is as follows;

9.45-10.00 arrival and introduction to the day

10.00-11.10 data collection

11.10-11.30 'break'

11.30-1.00 fieldwork data collection / University talk

1.00-1.30 lunch

1.00 – fieldwork data collection

Dismissed from the Waterside Campus at 2.45 or picked up and taken back to school.





We will be investigating the sustainability of the Northampton university campus; an area that has been recently undergone urban regeneration.

There is no cost to this experience. All who do year 11 GCSE Geography are expected to attend as per the option booklet information in year 9. It takes place wholly within the school day.

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- You understand that if your child's behaviour in school gives cause for concern then they may be withdrawn from the trip and that any payments to date will not be refunded.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.

In the meantime, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us or leave a message at the school office.

Yours faithfully

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