



# Great Marlow School

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HEADTEACHER: Mr K Ford

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **A Level Geography fieldtrip – Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire**

As part of our A Level Geography course it is required by the examination board that students gain first-hand experience of undertaking fieldwork away from the classroom. Indeed, one of the exam papers asks questions relating to the fieldwork techniques and all students must complete an individual investigation (piece of coursework) worth 20% of their final mark. **Whilst attendance on a fieldtrip is not compulsory, experience has shown that those who are able to attend often achieve at a higher level.**

We have therefore arranged a fieldtrip to The Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire from **Friday 9th September to Monday 12th September 2022**. During this trip we will carry out fieldwork investigations along the Holderness Coast and at Scarborough and Hornsea. We will see the coastal defences on that part of the coast and evaluate their effectiveness. We will also study urban redevelopment and rebranding in Scarborough, which for several years has been in decline. The students will gain fieldwork and research skills essential for success on the coursework element of our A level course. All the fieldwork will be led by experienced staff from the Cranedale Centre, accompanied and supported by the geography teachers from Great Marlow School. Activities will be closely supervised and we will not be undertaking any potentially dangerous or risky activities. More information about Cranedale can be found at [www.cranedale.com](http://www.cranedale.com).

In order to finance this trip we are asking parents for a **total voluntary contribution of £375.00 via Parentpay**. (You will also need to log on to ParentPay to complete the **medical/ consent form**). This covers 3 nights full board accommodation, all meals, tuition, transport and equipment costs. I realise that this is a significant sum of money, and I hope that you can appreciate the value of this trip to your child's learning. There is no obligation to contribute and no student will be excluded because parents / carers are unwilling or unable to pay. **However, the visit will be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions.** Please contact the School Business Manager at [finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk) if you are experiencing financial hardship as the school may be able to offer some financial assistance. A non-refundable deposit is required to secure our booking by the date below. The total balance is due by July 8th.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – non-refundable deposit - £125

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – final balance to have been paid - £250

If you do not have a Parentpay account please email the Finance Office, [finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk), who will be happy to assist.

Yours faithfully

**Mr P Warner**  
Head of Geography

