



# SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## Lower Sixth Geography Fieldwork Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents,

As part of your son's AS-Level Geography course, he is required by AQA to complete some human and physical Geography fieldwork to prepare him for the Unit 2: Geographical Skills examination.

In order to fulfil this requirement, the Geography Department is organizing a fieldtrip to the Magdalen Project on the Somerset/Dorset border. This is an environmental education centre which delivers top-quality tuition tailored to individual exam specifications. It is also a fully-functioning, sustainable and organic farm and will provide the boys with an opportunity to experience beautiful rural surroundings, fresh local food and the workings of a farm. The location is particularly beneficial for the AQA specification, as it is located alongside a tributary of the River Axe for the Rivers, Floods and Management AS unit and also close to local villages where counter-urbanisation processes (for A2 unit on World Cities) can be observed.

Unfortunately, due to the popularity of the centre and school calendar constraints, we can only be accommodated if we arrive at the weekend and stay for the first half of the week. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is, however, an opportune time for us to go, as it fits in shortly before the Easter holidays, which will hopefully allow us to benefit from milder weather and is not too long before study leave, so that it will remain fresh in students' minds.

Although the fieldtrip is not cheap at £250 (which includes 3 nights' accommodation, all meals and transport), this really is an essential part of your son's studies for AS Geography. Experience has shown that students who do not complete the fieldwork invariably score lower on that paper, even with extra tuition. If there is any concern about meeting the cost of the fieldwork, please contact the Headmaster.

A deposit of £100 via ParentPay is due to confirm that your son will be able to go on this important trip. Please try to do so by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the latest so that I can confirm our booking with the Magdalen Project.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Geography