

15 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of the GCSE Geography course, we are required to run two days of fieldwork. This allows the students to experience data collection methods and see geographical processes firsthand. The first of the field study days is detailed as follows:

**Destination:** **Walton-on-the-Naze**  
**Date:** **24 June 2026**  
**Timings:** **8:30am-3pm (approx. – updates for end time will be provided)**

The cost of this trip is £38 per student which will include transport, use of an inside base to cover theory and all resources and equipment used on the day, as well as the use of local experts.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day as well as full school equipment, particularly spare pens and pencils for recording data. Clipboards will be provided.

Due to the nature of the day's activities school uniform will not be required. However, appropriate and sensible casual clothing/footwear (with good grip) will be expected. It is recommended to bring a rucksack, waterproof/windproof jacket. Walking shoes or wellington boots are also ideal, which can be worn for the day or brought separately. Students are welcome to bring a camera or phone as these will be useful for taking images; the school accepts no responsibility for damage and usual school rules apply regarding the appropriate use of mobile phones.

Payments, made as voluntary contributions, need to be made via your ParentPay account **by 1 June 2026**. Unfortunately, if there are not enough contributions received, the visit may be cancelled. Should you experience difficulty in making the payment and would like your child to attend, please contact the Finance Office to enquire further: [finance@stourvalley.org](mailto:finance@stourvalley.org).

We are expecting the usual high SVCS standards of behaviour leading up to and on this trip. Any student who fails to meet these expectations risks removal from the trip and will be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Yours faithfully

Mr J. Craig  
Head of Humanities

