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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of the GCSE Geography course, we are required to carry out fieldwork in a rural setting. This allows students to collect data and interrogate it in preparation for their GCSE exam. Students have already successfully completed the first day at Walton-on-the-Naze.

We will be carrying out fieldwork visits to areas within Clare town during lesson time throughout the following weeks:

- Week beginning: 02/11/2026
- Week beginning: 09/11/2026
- Week beginning: 16/11/2026

We will not be using every lesson during these weeks to go into Clare, as it will depend on the progress of students during the sessions. They will be informed of arrangements for the lesson before the visit takes place.

There is no cost to attend the visits. Students will be walking to three areas within the town during their normal lesson times and returning in time for their next lesson or school buses. During the visit to Clare town centre, remote supervision will be used to allow students to conduct small group tasks and questionnaires.

Due to this being within normal school hours, full school uniform will be required, however, if students wish to bring a change of shoes to wear during the visit, then they are welcome to do so. In addition, mobile phones will not be required during the visit.

If your child is absent on the day they will need to do a catch-up after school session.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at jcraig@stourvalley.org

Yours faithfully

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