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A level Geography Fieldtrip 2018 to Leeson House, Dorset

Dear Parent and Student

15th May 2018

The A level field trip to Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Dorset will take place from Friday 8th to Monday 11th June 2018. The following pages include an outline programme and important information from the Field Studies Centre.

Departure: Friday 8th June 2018. Meet at 7.30 am in the School playground. Students will need to bring a packed lunch. We will be travelling by minibus.

Return: Monday 11th June 2018 at 6.00 pm.

Emergency Contact:

Mr Pearson-Phillips Work: 01279 869541 Mobile: 07985 281385

We will be staying at Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3EU.

Tel: 01929 422126

Email: leeson@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.leesonhouse.com/>

Mobile phones/ laptops:

Students may bring personal devices, including phones, tablets and laptops; however they are not covered by the school insurance, so the student is responsible for their safety.

Behaviour: Students must adhere to the field study centre's code of conduct in addition to standards of behaviour expected by TBSHS. The field trip is considered to be 'school time'. We do not anticipate difficulties but reserve the right to take disciplinary action and send students home early if required at your own cost.

Staff: You will be accompanied by Mr Griffiths, Ms Winterburn and Mrs Butwell.

Kit list: The kit list has been provided by the field studies centre. Avoid packing kit in a hard suitcase as we are very limited for space. A medium-sized soft bag as the main bag and a small rucksack to keep at hand on the journey should suffice.

If you have any queries, please contact me at jonathan.griffiths@tbshs.org

Yours sincerely

Mr J. P. Griffiths

Assistant Headteacher and geography teacher



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Outline programme

DAY / DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Fri 8th	Travel from TBSHS to Boscombe	Arrive 1pm in Boscombe. Boscombe Regeneration. Introduction to the day + methods students are going to use. Depart Boscombe 3.30 to return to Leeson House (LH)	6pm Dinner Secondary data websites Boscombe regeneration hypothesis – how could it be investigated? Brainstorming human geography
Sat 9th	8.15 Breakfast Studland – Low energy environment Dune study	Swanage coastal management	6pm evening meal – Come up with investigation titles
Sun 10th	8.15 Breakfast Students have till 11 to finalise data recording sheets etc.	Head out to different locations and collect data for NEAs	6pm evening meal Time to analyse data, collect secondary data
Mon 11th	8.15 breakfast Time to do stats workshop Or time to collect further data if needed.	Depart early afternoon	Arrive back at TBSHS by 6pm

KIT LIST – Please give to parents/pupils

Here are tick lists to ensure you bring everything you need, please ensure that **everything** is clearly labelled:

FOR INDOORS

Item	Tick
1 x single sheet and 1 x duvet cover, plus 2 x pillowcases <u>NO SLEEPING BAGS please</u>	
Soft flat shoes, clean trainers or soled slippers for indoor use. <u>NO Slipper socks, flip flops or novelty slippers allowed</u>	
Plastic bin liner for wet or dirty clothes	
Clean casual clothes for indoor wear	
Changes of underclothes and socks	
Towel, wash kit, nightwear. No aerosols to be used in bedrooms although they can be used in the main bathrooms	

FOR OUTDOORS

Item	Tick
Waterproofs, e.g. cagoule (over trousers if available)	
Walking boots, or strong low-heeled shoes or outdoor trainers	
Old jeans, cords, joggers, etc. (2 pairs or more), shorts in summer	
Warm anorak or parka	
Wellington boots	
Sunhat and protective sun-screening lotion in summer	
2 sweaters/sweatshirts (extra warm, preferably fleecy, in winter)	
Several pairs of socks, at least one thick pair	
Woollen hat and gloves	
Old shirt/T-shirt (2 or more)	
During the colder times of the year, the following will provide extra layers for warmth: extra jumpers or T-shirts (preferably long-sleeved), leggings, or similar	

EQUIPMENT

Item	Tick
Small day rucksack and a suitable container for packed lunch – both items clearly labelled with owner's name	
Plastic watertight bottle, marked with owner's name for the packed lunch drink as we do not provide bottles	
Pocket size notebook, pencils and pens	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Please give to parents/pupils

- 1. Are all dietary requirements catered for?**
Yes - We are able to prepare meals according to all dietary needs providing we receive the information in advance. In some cases it may be necessary for parents to provide specialised food.
- 2. Does the Centre/School carry out risk assessments for all the activities that the children will be taking part in during their visit?**
Yes- Leeson House has Health and Safety Policies and Risk Assessments for all the activities that are run by Leeson House Staff. Any activities undertaken by the school staff will require their own risk assessments during their visit. The school has access to the Leeson House risk assessments on request.
- 3. Is the Centre secure overnight?**
Yes – The main building is secure both during the day and night. Only staff are able to gain access. A member of Leeson House staff is on duty during the evenings and night-time hours.
- 4. What bedding/linen is my child required to bring?**
The majority of schools request that the children provide their own bedding/linen for their use whilst staying at Leeson House, which consists of 2 pillow cases, duvet cover plus 1 sheet. No sleeping bags. Towels are also required.
- 5. If my child has a medical condition will the Centre be able to meet their needs?**
Yes – The Centre will be able to meet your child’s needs provided we have all the necessary information prior to your child’s visit.
- 6. What are the sleeping arrangements? Do boys and girls share a room?**
The Centre has 13 Dormitory style bedrooms from the minimum sleeping capacity of 2 beds to 12 beds. When provided with the final numbers from your child’s school the housekeeper allocates bedrooms to the school. Genders are not mixed in either the bedrooms or the showers/toilets.
- 7. What meals are provided during my child’s stay at Leeson House?**
The children are provided with breakfast, packed lunch and cooked evening meal which includes a vegetarian option. Packed lunches are required to be supplied by the parents on the first day.
- 8. How much money should I give my child to spend during their stay?**
We recommend that they bring no more than £5.00, preferably in £1 coins or small change to spend in the centre shop.
- 9. Can my child bring his/hers hand held computer games or other electronic devices/phones?**
Please refer to your child’s school for guidance on what they can bring. Any device brought is the responsibility of the child; please note the pupils’ bedrooms are not lockable and the children would become distressed if their device was lost. Please ensure all valuables are labelled clearly with your child’s name. Staff bedrooms are lockable and a small safe is available for their use.
- 10. When the children take part in an activity off site do the minibuses have seat belts?**
Yes, the minibuses have seat belts and undergo regular safety and maintenance checks. They are driven by fully qualified and trained staff.
- 11. Will my child know what to do in the event of a fire/incident?**
Yes – At the beginning of your child’s stay they have a domestic Introduction which covers health and safety during their visit followed by a fire drill. They are shown all the fire exits from the main building. Fire regulations and checks are completed on a regular basis.
- 12. Can my child bring aerosols e.g. deodorant, and hair straighteners to the Centre?**
Aerosols can be brought to the centre but **cannot** be used in any of the bedrooms, only in the bathrooms – this is due to the high sensitivity of our smoke alarms. Hair straighteners are **not** allowed in the Centre.

13. Is chewing gum allowed at the Centre?

Chewing gum is not allowed at the Centre.

14. What is the postal address and phone number of the Centre?

Resident's Name and School/Organisation, c/o Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3EU. Telephone number is 01929 423577 (Residents Phone), 01929 422126 (Office Phone)