

September 2026

Dear Families,

GCSE Geography Fieldwork GROUP A

I am writing to inform you about our planned visit to Heaton Woods, Bradford on Wednesday 23 September 2026 and Bradford City Centre on Wednesday 30 September 2026. The visit is to allow Year 11 students to complete compulsory fieldwork as part of their GCSE Geography fieldwork examination (paper 3). This is an invaluable experience and all students are expected to attend. As always, a full risk assessment will be completed before the day to ensure students are safe throughout the visit.

Details of the visit

Time: Both trips will be completed within normal school hours. Students should therefore arrive to school at normal time on both days.

Itinerary: Students will calculate changes in river discharge as part of their paper 3 physical fieldwork at Heaton Woods. Students will be in small groups accompanied by a member of staff who will lead the activities. Students will then visit Bradford city centre a week later to evaluate the impact of regeneration in the city centre. Students will be in groups accompanied by a member of staff who will lead the activities.

Group A will visit Heaton Woods and Bradford City Centre in the morning on both days. They will have a grab bag lunch and will return within normal school hours.

Uniform: Students will be outside on both days and will need to be prepared for changes in the weather. Students should bring the following: a waterproof coat, warm clothing (e.g. hat, scarf, gloves if this is needed), sturdy outdoor shoes for walking (e.g. walking boots or sturdy trainers) and a spare bottle of water. For the trip to Heaton Woods - students will be entering shallow water in order to calculate velocity rates. **It is therefore essential that each student brings a spare pair of trainers** to change into after stepping into the river. Students should wear old trainers or wellies to enter the river. Students should wear their PE kit on this day. Students should wear normal school uniform for the walk into Bradford City Centre.

Equipment: Students will require standard classroom equipment. Clipboards will be provided on the day.

Lunch Arrangements: Students will eat normal academy lunch.

Cost: There will be no cost for either of the two trips mentioned in this letter.

Mobile phones are not allowed. Students who bring mobile phones will have these confiscated and these will then be passed to Mr Clough. All staff members will have a mobile phone in case of an emergency.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Conboy
Head of Geography