

17 June 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE Geology Fieldtrip to the Isle of Wight

Your child is required to attend a fieldtrip to the Isle of Wight on **Wednesday 9 July 2025**, as part of their GCSE Geology course. This day trip, along with a further fieldtrip to occur next academic year, will enhance students' geological skills and ensure that they have spent an appropriate amount of time in the field, as required by the EDUQAS GCSE Geology exam board.



The fieldtrip will be an exciting opportunity for students to experience geological processes first-hand. The itinerary will be as follows:



- Leave school at 8am to travel to Portsmouth Ferry Port via minibus. Students must be at school by **no later than 7:50am** to organise themselves prior to departure.
- Board outbound ferry to Isle of Wight at 9:20am (journey time approximately 45 minutes).
- Visit to Dinosaur Isle Museum, Sandown at 11am. We will be given a tour of the museum by a specialist guide & learn about the geological history & palaeontology of the Island. Our visit here will last around 1 hour 15 minutes.
- Geological Fieldwork at Yaverland Beach, Sandown. Objective to study the stratigraphy of Yaverland to deduce its geological history. We will stop for lunch on the beach (providing we needn't seek shelter from adverse weather)! In total, we will be on the coast for around 2 hours. **Appropriate fieldwork attire will be essential!**
- Travel to Shanklin village to visit Shanklin Chine. The chine is a beautiful natural wooded coastal ravine, containing small waterfalls and lush vegetation.
- Depart the Island on 5:00pm ferry for **return to school at around 6:30pm**.



It is essential that students arrive to school no later than 7:50am on 9 July to ensure we maintain schedule. The trip will be non-uniform, with students being required to **wear appropriate fieldwork clothing suitable for the day's forecasted weather conditions**. Enclosed footwear with ankle support and sole grip (such as hiking boots) are recommended, or trainers as a minimum. Regardless of weather conditions on the day, I recommend that a lightweight waterproof is packed too. Students will be provided with a high-visibility vest and hardhat when performing their fieldwork. If entitled to free school meals, students will be given a packed lunch at school before departure. Otherwise, a **packed lunch and plenty**





of water should be brought with them. Time permitting, we may have the opportunity to visit a local rock, fossil & mineral souvenir shop and/or purchase snacks, so students may want to bring a small amount of spending money.

Please complete the permission form at the bottom of this letter and return it to reception with a payment of £12.50 by 2 July 2025. This money is to cover reduced entry costs to Dinosaur Isle Museum and Shanklin Chine. School subsidy has covered the cost of all transport.

Yours sincerely

Mr Macefield

Geography & Geology Teacher

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GCSE Geology Fieldtrip Isle of Wight

I give permission for my son/daughter (print name) to attend the above trip.

I have made payment of £12.50 ☐

Signed (Parent/carer) Date

Contact number.....

