

5th February 2025

WHL/ECY

Re: (Current Years 8 & 9) Year 9 / Year 10 Cornwall Trip, October 10th – 13th 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be able to write to you with details of the 2025 Geography trip to St Ives in Cornwall for current Year 8 and Year 9 students who will, by then, be in Years 9 and 10 respectively. The purpose of the trip is to give our students the opportunity to experience geography in a real life setting as well as carry out practical fieldwork activities. We will be staying in St Ives a beautiful coastal town in Cornwall.

The trip is open to all current Year 8 and 9 students subject to their attendance and behaviour (see below). It would, however, be of more benefit to those who intend to take Geography as a GCSE option.

Please find the arrangements for the trip below:

Dates: Friday 10th October – Monday 13th October 2025 (3 nights)

Cost of trip: £360, all-inclusive

The cost of the trip includes return coach travel to and from Cornwall, accommodation, visits to the local beaches and town and all meals whilst in Cornwall. Not included in the cost will be any spending money that the students wish to bring for snacks and souvenirs. The price is subject to change based on the number of students wishing to participate. Should we be unable to gain enough support for the trip then monies will be refunded.

During the trip, the group will enjoy a programme of geography, leisure, educational and cultural activities. The list on the next page is a provisional plan and is subject to change. A definite plan will be shared with you in due course.

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| Friday | Travel to the accommodation; settle in and walk around the town |
| Saturday | A visit to RNLI lifeboat station; Treasure hunt around St Ives; Quiz |
| Sunday | Walk around St Ives to carry out some fieldwork and then time on the beach completing fieldwork and having some free time |
| Monday | Return back to school |

If you wish to secure a place on the trip, can you please confirm this by completing the online survey found here at your earliest convenience as places are limited:

<https://forms.office.com/e/X5fcaZT5dc>

A **deposit of £60** will then be payable by **Friday 14th February** (*this will be available on ParentPay – ‘Cornwall Trip 2025’*). We then suggest a payment schedule of £75 each month from March to June inclusive. However, you may prefer to pay alternative instalments in order to reach the £360 total by the deadline of **Friday 20th June**.

Securing a place on the trip will be dependent on payment deadlines being met, in addition to:

- **Attendance being 95% or above**
- **An 85% ratio of positive behaviour points to 15% negative points**

If, after payment has been made, we feel that a student's behaviour could pose a risk to the health and safety of others on the trip, we reserve the right to withdraw that student's place. No refunds are guaranteed unless we can fill the place with another student.

Additionally, should your child have to withdraw from the trip for any reason other than those covered by a medical note, then we cannot guarantee refunds unless a replacement student can be found.

We will be in contact in due course to confirm places according to deposits received by Friday 14th February, and to provide further information. In the meantime, if you have any queries or wish to talk to us about requesting financial assistance for the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Hall

Mr Warren Hall
Progress Leader of Geography