CCGS WEEKLY ROUND -UP

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Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall

We have 5 dates from March to May where our Year 10 GCSE geographers will be completing their exam required fieldwork. Not all classes are going on the same dates, but each class will be out of school twice, one for a river day and one for an urban investigation.
All students must have returned their health and consent forms, please can we ensure these are completed fully and carefully because they are very important and the information they give us is vital. We are having many returned to us incomplete without additional emergency contact information and blank boxes, in the event of a medical problem this could cause delays in helping your child.
Payments for the trips are still ongoing, the payment schedule included amounts to be paid on Jan 31st, Feb 28th and March 31st. We have many students that are not up to date with these, and it is causing problems for us accurately paying our instalments to the field studies centre. If you have not paid anything towards the trip (or not made arrangements with the finance office) then we are left wondering if your child is attending and this could jeopardise their place. We need to be giving final numbers the centre this week and we will be using initial payments as the indicator of who is planning to attend. If you are entitled to pupil premium support, then we can support payment for this trip but only if in communication with the finance office to make these arrangements.
If students are out on fieldwork many of their usual classes will still be going ahead back at school. It is important that students communicate with their teachers about what they are missing and how they can minimise the disruption.

Choosing GCSE Geography - Fieldwork

GCSE Geography includes compulsory fieldwork, both human and physical geography experiences away from the local area, they are exam board requirements.
We usually do this in the summer terms of Year 10. The fieldwork is assessed in the actual GCSE exams in Paper 3, worth 30% of the final grade.
We make every effort to keep costs low by using our school minibuses and subsidising from the school budgets where possible. Financial support can usually be offered to students in receipt of pupil premium funding. This year the cost for all fieldwork was £68 so we expect it to be similar for next year.
Every year we get situations where people say they did not know about the fieldwork, do not want to go on the fieldwork or unwilling to pay. Often it is said that they did not know that fieldwork would be expected etc. So, we wanted to send another reminder to those that are choosing GCSEs that there is currently an expectation for students to attend fieldwork in Year 10 if taking GCSE geography. If students do not want to take part, then GCSE Geography is likely not to be the subject for them. Please consider this when deciding other school excursions that you may get offered, some of which are enrichment activities, others exam requirements.

'The Trials'

On Tuesday 14 March, 50 students took part in a drama workshop delivered by the Marlowe Theatre in preparation for their August production of 'The Trials'.

The workshop explored themes around the environment and allowed students to voice their concerns about the planet through practical exploration. The idea behind the workshop was to stimulate discussion about current green legislation and to raise awareness about Dawn King's play 'The Trials'.

In the play a jury of twelve young people hold adults to account for the damage they have done to the planet and their failure to protect it for future generations.

Marlowe workshop leader, Vicky Wright, said "It was inspiring to hear their debates and to see the energy and physicality during the session."

At the end of the workshop students were given seeds to plant and invited to sign up for auditions in May. The production will run at the Marlowe from Thursday 31 August to 2 September. More details to follow.

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