

29th January 2026

Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 11 Geography GCSE Swanage Fieldtrip Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st October 2026

The Geography Department has organised a compulsory 3 day residential GCSE field trip for all the Year 11 Geographers to Leeson House, Langton Matravers, Swanage. BH19 3EU.

Students will come into school in their **home clothes** and put their bag into Humanities 4 room. Then go to tutor as usual. This trip will leave at **9.00am on Monday 19th October** and return to Langtree approximately at **6.30pm on Wednesday 21st October**. Students will need to **bring a packed lunch** for Monday 19th which we will eat on arrival at the River Piddle in Warneham.

The Geography GCSE 9-1 is based on a compulsory fieldtrip which all students have to attend and will be examined on in their final external GCSE 9 -1 Paper 3 exam in the summer of 2026. Your child will be studying a range of geographical issues, learning appropriate ways of collecting the relevant data and then analysing the data to reach valid conclusions. They will see 'real life' geographical examples to support their classroom learning.

EQUIPMENT LIST: The following should be regarded as a guideline depending on the weather forecast. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Essential items are below.

This course requires a lot of time outdoors, whatever the weather so a good supply of clothing will be needed. Lots of thin layers help to keep you warmer than a few thicker layers. There are drying facilities available.

- 3 pairs of **warm trousers** such as tracksuit bottoms (Jeans are not suitable)
- 3 Long sleeved fleece / woolen **sweaters**
- **Clothing for wearing around the Centre & out collecting data**
- 4 pairs of thick **socks** and 4 pairs of thin socks (not trainer socks)
- **Wellington Boots (if possible) or old trainers as we will be collecting data from a river.**
- **Sturdy shoes / boots for walking**
- **Pairs of trainers – ideally, 1 for normal use and 1 old pair which can get wet & muddy**
- **Thick waterproof jacket with hood and if possible, waterproof trousers**
- 4 thermal tops (dependent on weather) **and 4 T-shirts**
- Hat, gloves, scarf (weather dependent)
- **Pyjamas**
- **Slippers or shoes for use solely within the centre (please avoid slipper socks if possible)**
- **Sufficient changes of underwear**
- **Toilet bag** (with necessary toiletries, roll-on deodorant etc including having sunblock and lip balm) **& towel**
- **Personal medication (this needs to be given to a teacher) and plasters for blisters etc.**
- **Rucksack to take on trips during the day & plastic bag to go inside to keep clothes dry**
- **2 Large plastic bags / bin liners for laundry**
- **Packed lunch container and 1 litre watertight bottle**
- **Notebook and fully stocked pencil case (pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, coloured pencils).**
- **Pocket money** (There will be opportunities to spend money on the trip down and back from Swanage (At the service station) and also when we do our town study on the Tuesday)
- **Clipboard (if you have one), A4 folder, A4 plastic wallets & paper**
- If your child has a gluten allergy, please can you bring any bread / biscuits for them to eat

Please note: **AEROSOLS, CHEWING GUM, ALCOHOL, DRUGS & CIGARETTES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PREMISE. No hair tongs, battery packs or extension cables are allowed to be plugged in as they are a fire risk.**

Any personal items which the students bring on the fieldtrip are at their own risk as the centre nor the school cannot accept responsibility for any valuables and is not covered by the insurance policy. If you need to contact your child or Langtree members of staff you can phone Leeson House (01929 422126) or Mrs Phipps on 01491 220145.

Your child will be part of a duty team with responsibilities for setting up the dining room, serving and clearing away meals, cleaning a designated area of the centre and also for keeping their rooms tidy. Your child will be expected to follow the usual school rules and any student who breaches this will be disciplined.

There will be a parents' meeting on Monday 21st September at 6.30pm – 7pm in the Geography Department Rm Humanities 4 to discuss the trip and also to learn more about activities your child will be studying at Swanage. There is no obligation to attend this meeting but it will provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have.

The total cost of the trip is £268.50. This amount will include staffing, accommodation, food at Swanage, transport, insurance and lessons.

Please arrange to pay a non-refundable deposit of £53.50 and complete the consent form via SCOPAY as detailed below.

Please also kindly complete the electronic medical form.

Outline of Payment Plan:

Deposit: £53.50 by Tuesday 10th March followed by 5 stage payments of £43 each on 27/04, 20/05, 24/06, 20/07 and 31/08.

Methods of payment and consent are as follows:

- Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website or the SCOPAY app. **You will also give consent for the trip here**
- To do this you should go to <http://langtreeschool.com> and click on the SCOPAY icon on the front page. If you don't have your pupil link code contact finance who can give you the code. Alternatively, you can download the app from your app store once you have an account set up
- **You will be asked to give consent for your child to attend the trip on SCOPAY before you make the payment.**
- If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: finance@langtreeschool.com

If at this stage you need more time to assess the cost of the trip but would still like your child to be considered for a place, or if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, then please contact the finance team by phoning the school or email finance@langtreeschool.com.

This fieldtrip is an inclusive opportunity which is open to all Year 11 Geography students. Any student eligible for the pupil premium who would like to take up a place on this trip should simply return the booking form in order to reserve a place.

As you may well be aware, the school has a twitter account which we use to provide updates to parents of all residential trips out of school. Please follow us @head4094 to receive important news bulletins from the trip leaders via twitter. Updates will also be posted on the school website.

Registering your son/daughter on this trip represents a commitment that they will take part in this trip. Trips require extensive planning, organisation and careful costing based on the number of students participating. It is not therefore possible for students to withdraw from a trip having previously made a commitment to take part. The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip when there are concerns about behaviour, attendance or attitude. All monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

All trips and visits involving students from Langtree School are always planned and risk assessed extremely carefully, in order to ensure the highest level of safety for our students as we possibly can. I am keen to assure you that we have reviewed our travel plans and procedures in detail, in order to safeguard our students as far as we are able to do so. A copy of our revised Risk Assessment for this trip is available on request.

While we will continue to offer learning in 'the outdoor classroom' as we always have done so at Langtree, I would want to assure parents that we have reviewed all of our arrangements accordingly and that we will do everything in our control to ensure that all students participating on a trip can do so with a sense of safety, confidence and enjoyment.

Students will travel to and from Swanage by Linkrider coaches. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them to eat on Monday 19th October.

Non School Uniform Dress Code

The dress code for this trip is "school appropriate clothing". **This is to ensure all students are safe, comfortable and can engage in all the activities we are offering.** This means, students should dress professionally and appropriately.

Students are not permitted to wear any of the following:

- Very short shorts or skirts
- Crop tops or tops that leave midriffs uncovered
- Flip-flops or backless footwear, due to health and safety issues
- Excessive make up or jewellery
- Tank tops or vest tops.
- Clothing with offensive or inappropriate logos

Yr 11 Geography Compulsory Swanage fieldtrip Summary

When?	Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st October 2026
Where?	Leeson House, Langton Matravers, Swanage. BH19 3EU
Leaving school at:	9:00 Monday 19 th October. Students will come to school in their home clothes & register in tutor.
To be collected from school at:	Approximately 18:30 on Wednesday 21 st October 2026
School uniform:	No
Cost:	£268.50
Parent Meeting	Monday 21 st September at 6.30pm – 7pm in Humanities 4 (Mrs Phipps' classroom)

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email: lphipps@langtreeschool.com.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lucy Phipps

Head of Geography