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11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

### GCSE Geography Course

As part of your child's GCSE geography course, there is a requirement to offer students a number of field study days. These days are used to gain experience of some of the topics covered in class as well as to collect data which can be used to develop understanding of a range of geographical skills and applications. These skills are then examined during the unit 3 exam at the end of the GCSE course.

The first field study day will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2026, and will involve your child travelling to Newbiggin by the Sea to look at the changes taking place in coastal environments which has been the subject of our recent work in class. Travel will be by private coach, and we will return to school in time for the normal school buses at the end of the school day.

The second field study day will take place on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 and will involve your child travelling to Newcastle Upon Tyne to look at the impacts of changes that have taken place in and around the city centre, which is one of the topics we have studied this year. Travel will be by private coach, and we will return to school in time for the normal school buses at the end of the school day.

**Attendance on these trips is dependent on exemplary behaviour in school. Students who fail to behave well in school will not be allowed to attend, and alternative arrangements will be made to ensure that they can comply with exam board requirements.**

Students will need to bring with them a packed lunch or sufficient money to buy lunch on each day. If they are entitled to a free school lunch and you would like them to take up this entitlement for the trip day, please let Mrs Francis know by emailing [enquiries@jcsc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@jcsc.co.uk).

It is likely you have already given consent for educational trips on the MCAS app. Could you please ensure that you have enabled this by going to the consent page on the app.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Francis  
Director of Humanities and MFL