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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Geography Residential Fieldtrip

I wanted to write to you to provide you with an update on the Year 11 Geography residential fieldtrip to Norfolk that is planned for October 2020. As you are aware schools are currently operating in very different circumstances and this includes trips and visits. The Government guidance is currently to stop schools from offering residential trips and at The Hayesbrook School we follow that policy.

With this clear guidance in place it is therefore necessary to provide you with an update on our plans to make sure that the pupils are not at a disadvantage. Pearson/Edexcel have amended the GCSE Geography B course to remove the requirement for fieldwork in paper 2 and as such the paper will have 16 fewer marks compared to a normal paper. This means that it will not be a requirement for pupils to complete a residential or day visit to experience fieldwork this academic year.

With this in mind we have taken the decision to cancel the visit and we are working with our insurers to recover the cost of the trip. Please be aware that this may take us time to go through that process but we will ensure that you are refunded as soon as we are in a position to do so.

As a Geographer it is bitterly disappointing not to take the students away on what for many is a real highlight of Year 11, and a memory creator for lifelong friendships. With that in mind please be assured that as soon as we are able to take pupils on residential trips again that we will and we very much hope that this will be during an A level Geography course should your son be interested?

Please contact the Finance Department should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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