



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Castleton (Peak District) Visit Friday 18th October - Saturday 19th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

April 2024

We are delighted to be able to offer an exciting opportunity for your daughter to visit the Peak District for two days in October 2024. This field trip will enable your daughter to see first-hand one of the UK's magnificent landscapes studied in Year 8 Geography, which also complements content taught in Year 9 and within the Geography GCSE specification. If your daughter is considering studying GCSE Geography, this trip will give your daughter a real insight and the opportunity to experience Geography first-hand.

The cost of this trip will be **£140**. The cost covers all transport and driver costs, overnight accommodation, food (apart from a packed lunch on the Friday), insurance, equipment, a visit to the Blue John mines and a half day of adventure activities, such as abseiling and weaselling (rock scrambling). Please pay a non-refundable deposit of **£70** by **Thursday 23rd May 2024** by WisePay. The balance of **£70** is payable by **Thursday 11th July 2024**. 50% of the cost of this trip will automatically be met for pupils in receipt of free school meals. For pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium whose families are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Jackson at mjackson@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk as some assistance may be given on a case by case basis. If you are able and would like to, there is also the option to purchase an additional space for a disadvantaged pupil.

There are 50 spaces for this trip. Only those pupils for whom we have received parent/carer permission by the deadline of Thursday 23rd May 2024 will be considered for a place. If pupil numbers exceed the number of places available then a ballot will be held. Those unsuccessful in the ballot will receive a full refund and be given priority in the next school visit available to them.

Students will need to arrive at BHGS by 6.45am on Friday 18th October 2024 so that we can leave promptly at 7am. We plan to arrive back at BHGS approximately 8.00 p.m. on Saturday 19th October, depending on traffic conditions. While it is not always possible to guarantee the time of return of trips, parents should arrange for collection at the time given.

Further practical details about clothing etc will be sent out nearer the time.

Thank you for your support and if you have any queries about the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me by email: jruffhead@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk. I appreciate that pupils have not been on residential school visits for a long time, so please do let me know if you have any additional information you think we should be aware of.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Ruffhead

Head of Humanities

"Pupils flourish and support each other to succeed"

