



Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Fieldwork trip to Watchet Beach

Welcome back to all the pupils after their Summer holiday. We hope they had a lovely break and are excited to return to their learning.

In year 8, pupils are starting their new Humanities topic, learning about the Coasts of the UK and how they are constantly changing. A large part of this unit is a fieldwork investigation, inquiring about whether we should defend our local coast at Watchet from the sea. Fieldwork is an essential part of Humanities education, as it provides an opportunity for students to develop their geographical thinking in a real world environment, as well as gaining a range of skills that are difficult to develop in the classroom alone.

To support their learning, we are fortunate to be able to visit Watchet beach, where we will carry out some investigations to find evidence of how erosion has affected the local area and the people who live there.

The trip will take place within the school day and transport to the beach will be provided by coach. To allow all students to take part in this fantastic opportunity, the year group will be split into three trips on Wednesday 30th September, Thursday 1st October and Friday 2nd October 2026. Details of which day your child will be attending will be sent out nearer to the time.

Children should wear appropriate **warm outdoor clothing and bring a waterproof coat**. They will need **sensible shoes** to wear on the beach. They will need to bring a **packed lunch** and a drink. Please could we remind you that we have pupils with severe nut allergies, so we would ask that you refrain from packing such items in your child's lunch or as a snack. We will also have the opportunity to visit a local ice cream shop, so the pupils may wish to bring a small amount of money to purchase an ice cream to enjoy on the beach.

The cost of the coach is **£7.50 per child**. Please make these contributions via MCAS **by 18th September**. Consent for your child to be taken off-site is made at the point of payment on ParentPay. The Governors' Charging Policy is available on the school website. However, if any parent is entitled to a free school meal for their child, currently or at any time in the past 6 years, the school has funding to assist with the cost of this trip – please contact the Finance Office for details.

Please note if the contributions do not cover the costs of the trip, then the visit will have to be cancelled.

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Thank you for supporting the opportunities provided by the Humanities department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Godwin', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mrs Amy Godwin
Faculty Lead for Humanities