



ST PETER'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
AIDED SCHOOL

September 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

Biology and Geography fieldtrip to the Axe Estuary Wetlands Centre

We are writing to inform you that Year 9 students have the opportunity to visit the River Axe to enhance their work in Biology and Geography. Both departments believe that there is great value in students actually experiencing their environment, rather than simply discussing issues such as sustainability and biodiversity in the classroom. Completing their own investigations in this unique setting will help learning to be more memorable for students and, hopefully, stimulate a wider awareness of issues for the future.

Situated between Seaton and Colyford, the Axe Estuary Wetlands are a rich mosaic of marshes and meadows, providing a haven for wildlife. East Devon District Council has created a 'Living Classroom' beside the estuary, providing the base for our investigations into river landscapes and habitats. Students will be working in and around the streams feeding the River Axe on its western banks.

http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/axe_estuary_wetlands_leaflet.pdf

<http://www.seatonbay.com/Information/about.html>

Depart: St Peter's CoE at 8.30 am

Return: St Peter's CoE by 3.15pm

Transport: Coach

Activities: Will be led by experts from East Devon Nature Reserves and Education team

Cost: A voluntary contribution of **£10.00** cheque/cash (cheques made payable to Devon County Council). You may also pay on ParentPay.
Any queries please contact the Finance Office. If we do not receive enough contributions for this trip it will not be able to run.

Clothing: Uniform is NOT required.
Please ensure you are warmly dressed and have a waterproof coat with you in your rucksack. Students will be working in the streams so wellies or strong shoes/boots are advisable. These should be brought in a separate carrier bag.

Lunch: Packed lunch and drink must be brought. Students entitled to Free School Meals should order their lunch from the Dining Hall. There are no shops nearby.

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Equipment: Pens & pencils must be brought. If students have their own clipboard it would be useful. Mobile phones and cameras may be taken at your own risk; normal school rules apply for their use and staff may confiscate them if they are used inappropriately. There will be a safe place to leave your bag while you are working.


Date of trip: All trips are in Week B. 6/9 classes will have the trip on the day of their geography lesson.

Tuesday 29th September	9 QH, QG & QJ (The code refers to the timetable)
Wednesday 30th September	9 PH, PG & PE
Thursday 1st October	9 QF, PF & PJ


Please look at the school website to check that the trip has not been cancelled due to poor weather.


We hope your student will take advantage of this opportunity and that we all have a memorable and enjoyable time.

Yours faithfully


Dr Parry
YLL Yr 9


Mrs Archer
Biology


Mr G Pounds
Biology


Mrs J P England
SLL Geography


Mr B Hunt
YLL & Geography

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To: the Finance Office BY THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015
Voluntary Contributions for the Geography field trip to Axe Estuary Wetlands Centre

- ☐ I give permission for my child to attend the above trip and enclose a voluntary contribution of **£10.00** or _____ (*specify amount*) towards the cost of this Year 9 trip.
- ☐ Please use the medical form held by the school. (*If you wish to update this form, please download a copy from the school website and return it to MRS GREEN*).
- ☐ My child has free school meals and will need to order a packed lunch from the canteen. Staff will collect these on the day. (*The cost of the trip will also be covered*).
- ☐ My child is unable to go on the trip
because.....

(*Students unable to go on the trip will complete work with their normal teacher*).

Name: _____ of tutor group: 9 _____

Signed : _____ parent/carer date _____