



22nd April 2013
ASP/JS

Dear Parent/Carer

NETTLECOMBE MAY 13TH -17TH

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The trip to Nettlecombe is now only a matter of weeks away. I am writing in order to help you and your son/daughter with preparations.

Students are asked to congregate in the dining hall on Monday morning with bags where they can be registered. Please ensure that packing is kept to a minimum, an equipment list has been included. They will return on the Friday in time for the end of the school day.

Students are permitted to bring phones and MP3 players with them on the trip; however this will be at their own risk. Students are also responsible for their own pocket money. There is not a great deal to spend money on whilst on the trip. Students will need some money for the service station or a packed lunch for the journey to Somerset on the Monday, meals will be provided for the rest of the week including a packed lunch for the journey home. There will be an afternoon of free time in Taunton where students may wish to purchase gifts and a small tuck shop is open in the evenings in the centre. The amount of pocket money you give your child is at your own discretion.

Please find included an itinerary for the week and an equipment list. I would also ask that any outstanding payments are made as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries on spencea@crispins.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Miss A Spence
Head of Geography



St Crispins Week 20'
Edexcel GCSE GEOGRAPHY COURSE

13th – 17th May 2013

TUTORS: Emma Ayres (23+2), Harry Cuthbert (23+2) and Liam Ring (19+2)

Arrive lunchtime (not provided)

Introduction to Centre (all students and teachers to attend) - approx 1 hour

Tutor / teacher pre-course meeting.

NB The first teaching session up to dinner (inc any fieldwork) will take 3 hours to complete.

Dinner is at 6pm. Evening session from 7-8pm

ARRIVAL	Day 1: Mon 13th	Day 2: Tues 14th	Day 3: Weds 15th	Day 4: Thur 16th	Day 5: Fri 17th	DEPARTURE
Time: 12.00	Location:	Location:	Location:	Location:	Location:	Time: 12.00
Transport:	<i>Nettlecombe</i>	<i>Minehead</i>	<i>Nettlecombe</i>	<i>Taunton</i>	<i>Nettlecombe</i>	Transport:
Own Coach	Transport:	Transport:	Transport:	Transport:	Transport:	Own Coach
	<i>None required</i>		None required		None required	

LOGISTICS (5 field trips, 0 project trips as required)

EDEXCEL

GENERALISATION FROM EXAM BOARD:

Investigate how and why there is a need to use different strategies to manage tourism in your chosen location.'

AGREED TITLE/S (This should be a key question): What are the tourism management strategies in Minehead? Why is there a need to manage tourism?

DAY ONE: INTRODUCTION TO CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Presentation on controlled assessment requirements and structure.

Fieldwork: None

Class work: Introduction to the enquiry sequence, mark scheme and title if not already known. Allocation of folders for portfolios. Purpose of Investigation, Complete Methods.

Evening: Research and Planning – Developing 2 or 3 sub questions to run through student investigation, developing methods and considering data presentation from the methods.

DAY TWO: DATA COLLECTION DAY – MINEHEAD

AM:

Investigation using controlled assessment title.

Fieldwork Data collection using equipment and fieldwork techniques, field sketching. Working in groups from student designed methods for the controlled assessment.

PM:

Class work: Collation of data into electronic format. Begin Data Presentation

DAY THREE: FOLLOW UP SESSIONS

Class work: Complete Presentation and make notes of analysis. IT and practical sessions to complete calculations, processing of data and production of data presentation (maps and graphs) for use in final write up. Collating and organising portfolios and electronic portfolios to take forward to the high control stages.

High control sessions

DAY FOUR: ANALYSIS SESSION

AM: Class work: Write up in neat of data presentation / results. Writing analysis section under high control.

PM: free time in Taunton

Evening: Continue write up.

DAY FIVE: CONCLUSIONS SESSION

Class work: Skills sessions on concluding an investigation. Writing conclusion section under high control.

Field Studies Council

The FSC is an educational charity which was founded in 1943. It's mission statement is "Environmental Understanding for All" and it is best known for running environmental and natural history courses, for all ages, around the whole of the UK, at its 14 residential and 3 non-residential Field Centres. Courses are also run overseas, contract research is undertaken and relevant educational and scientific material is published.

Membership, of the FSC, is open to anyone interested in our work.

The Field Centre

Nettlecombe Court has been an FSC Centre since 1967. It is half an hour from Taunton and the Inter-City railway network and lies in a quiet secluded valley at the eastern edge of the Exmoor National Park, three miles south-west of Williton, West Somerset. The house and estate are of considerable architectural and historical interest and descriptive accounts are on sale in the centre shop.

The Courses

We run courses for Junior, Middle and Upper schools (GCSE, and A-Level), Universities

(First Degree and Post Graduate Level) and professionals. School and University courses may be run entirely by Centre Staff, entirely by Visiting Staff or a combination of the two.

We also run a 'Courses for All' programme including Painting, Birdwatching, Walking and General Natural History.

Domestic Arrangements

Student accommodation is in dormitories, mostly with double bunks. The Centre provides blankets, pillows and duvets but students should bring their own bottom sheets and towels. Accompanying staff will be given single or twin rooms, whenever possible, and the beds will be made up with either duvets or sheets and blankets. Hand towels are also provided for the staff.

Breakfast is served at 8.30am and Dinner at 6.30pm in the Great Hall. We provide ingredients for packed lunches between 7.30am and 9.00am. for the students (to be made in the student pantry) and staff lunches (to be made in the back kitchen). There are also facilities to make hot and cold drinks.

If the centre is informed in advance any special dietary requirements can be catered for.

We have a student common room, two adult sitting rooms, a Computer Room, and four teaching laboratories which are all equipped with overhead and slide projectors. Microscopes are available on request.

Please note that due to fire regulations there are no locks on the bedroom doors and we only have very limited facilities for storing personal valuables.

The Shop

The shop sells FSC publications and books of local interest as well as postcards, stamps, pens, pencils, notebooks, maps, confectionery, drinks, (there is also a canned-drink vending machine in the pantry) stationery, blank computer disks, T shirts, sweatshirts and souvenirs.

What To Bring

Many courses involve rough walking, paddling in streams and scrambling across the seashore. Anybody in doubt about the activity level of a particular course should consult the Warden. The following items are therefore essential:

- ◆ Sensible, warm and waterproof clothing and stout footwear.
- ◆ Gloves and some sort of hat are invaluable in the colder months.
- ◆ Soft indoor shoes.
- ◆ Warm clothing within the house is advised during autumn, winter and spring for those who are accustomed to central heating.
- ◆ It is useful to bring a small waterproof rucksack that will carry your lunch, thermos flask (or other container for liquid), spare jumper, camera, notebook etc.
- ◆ We can NOT lend, provide or sell sun cream at the centre

The centre has a stock of waterproofs, wellies, rucksacks and thermos flasks for hire but it is better to bring your own if you can.

Mobile phones do not work in the centre.

Health & Safety

Nettlecombe Court is required to meet strict fire regulations so all electrical equipment, fitted or used by the FSC, is checked at regular intervals for its safety. If you plan to bring your own electrical equipment please have it checked first by a competent electrician before coming. If this has proved impossible, please ask the Works Manager (Patrick Armin) to check it before connecting it to our mains supply.

The centre teaching staff are all qualified in first aid.

Rules and Regulations

The Centre is run with the minimum of restrictions, and these will be made known on the first evening. Students are welcomed to the Centre on the understanding that they will comply with them, and must expect to be sent home if they do not. All visitors are expected to show consideration for the other residents, particularly with regard to noise during the 'sleeping hours'. Most of the rules have been devised to meet the requirements of the Insurers, the Fire Prevention Officer, the Environmental Health Officer and the law of the land.

Public Houses / Off Licenses are out of bounds to all students and (as these are licensed premises) it is illegal for them to be in possession of alcoholic drinks in the house and gardens

Smoking is not permitted on the premises.

To follow is a list of some other ways you can help us :

- ❖ If you are the last one out of the room turn the lights out.
- ❖ Re-use plastic bottles to take drinks in to the field (instead of cans or cartons) – this saves energy and your money!
- ❖ If you do drink from cans then make sure you re-cycle them – did you know that if you recycle one can you can watch 3 hours of telly with the energy saved?!!
- ❖ Bring back all your litter from the field (including apple cores and banana skins) – this will help discourage other people from dropping litter.
- ❖ Save paper as much as possible by recycling and re-using – even when using the printers in the computer room.
- ❖ Avoid letting the taps run unnecessarily i.e when brushing your teeth or having long showers. (Did you know that water is more precious than gold?!)

- ❖ Please turn off heaters when you are not in your rooms and wear more clothes to keep warm – it saves energy.
- ❖ Read the eco-centre notices around the centre and take away ideas to use at home.
- ❖ It would also be great if you could give us your ideas on how to minimise our effect on the environment.



Contact Details:

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Email: enquiries.nc@field-studies-council.org

Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am –6pm Sat: 9am-12pm

Student Phone: 01984 640369 nb. mobile reception is poor !

