



## HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

GG/vm

15 November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Lower Sixth Geography Residential Trip – Cranedale Centre**

We hope that your son/daughter is enjoying their Geography studies so far during this Michaelmas term. The purpose of the letter is to inform you of a future Geography residential trip to the Cranedale Centre in Malton, North Yorkshire. This will take place from Monday 9 March – Wednesday 11 March 2020.

It is a compulsory part of the course that students are taken away for four field days, this trip makes up three of these days and the student's own investigation will be the fourth and final day. The purpose of the trip is to develop students' skills in planning, conducting and analysing a field project. These skills are then utilised to complete their own independent investigation. This is worth 20% of their final A Level grade and thus a grounding in the necessary skills in the field is vital to success.

The close proximity of both Flamborough Head and the Holderness Coast to the Cranedale Centre provides unparalleled opportunities for fieldwork investigations and case studies of contrasting coastlines. We are currently discussing the educational itinerary with the centre but typically we investigate the following when we are away:

- **Geomorphology and Geology.** Flamborough Head provides an inspirational location to witness, at first hand, evidence for the many processes of weathering, erosion and mass movement and a spectacular array of associated landforms.
- **Coastal Management.** The Holderness coastline is used as a case study where students are able to investigate the causes and consequences of rapid coastal erosion. Analysis of coastal management is included, focusing on the costs and benefits of existing and potential schemes along the coast.
- **Beach Survey.** A practical investigation of the distribution of particle size and beach form can be undertaken on a small bay head beach.

A rigorous investigative approach is applied, following the specified route to enquiry. The course will involve fieldwork using specialised equipment and evening classes to analyse the data collected and plan for the next day. This makes it ideal for students going on to complete their Non Examined Assessment component of the course.

The cost of the trip is £295 and is inclusive of all transport, accommodation and food throughout the trip. This will be added to your Lent term bill.

Please complete the electronic reply slip by 29 November 2019 to confirm your son/daughter's attendance.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Green  
Head of Geography

**NB: Please notify school of any changes to contact details/medical conditions/allergies etc prior to the trip.**