



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

30th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yr 10 GCSE Geography Fieldtrips Friday 24th April & Friday 26th June 2026

As part of the GCSE Geography course students are required to complete two days of fieldwork, in both a human and physical environment. The methodologies used and results collected will form part of their 'Paper 3- Geographical applications' examination (30% of their final grade).

We will visit Carding Mill Valley to conduct a study into how velocity and particle size change with distance downstream. Students will also get first-hand experience of the landscapes studied in their unit on rivers. We will conduct a local human fieldwork in Digbeth, investigating the success of regeneration in the area.

Friday 24th April – Carding Mill Valley

Travel to and from Carding Mill Valley will be by coach.

We will leave school at approximately 9.00am and return by 4.00pm.

Students will need a packed lunch. A kit list is provided on the back of the letter.

Friday 26th June

Travel to and from Digbeth will be by train from Wylde Green Station. This will be during school hours and students will wear their school uniform.

To cover the cost of the trips we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£25.20**, which will cover travel and the educational visits charge for Carding Mill Valley. If we're unable to meet the cost of the trip it may be cancelled and any payments made would be refunded. To secure a place on the trip, payment and/or consent should be completed online via the School Comms app or website. Please make sure the consent box is ticked.

If your child receives Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, trips within the normal school day will be fully funded. If you are applying for financial assistance, please go online, tick the consent box and please email finance@suttcold.bham.sch.uk for a form.

Where students normally have spare medication kept in school, they should bring this with them on the trip (e.g. inhaler, epipen etc).

The deadline for payments is Friday 6th March.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. Chiverton
Head of Geography



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Carding Mill Valley Kit List

- Students can wear outdoor clothing, such as leggings and a t-shirt/jumper (please no vest-tops to avoid sunburn)
- Footwear should be appropriate for uneven terrain – trainers with a good grip or walking boots
- Wellington boots if owned
- If wet weather forecast a waterproof coat
- If hot weather forecast a hat and suncream
- Pencil case
- Packed lunch, drinks and snacks
- Any medication i.e. inhalers and EpiPens as needed
- Cash or card to use in café/ice cream shop if time allows

All items should be in a rucksack with two shoulder straps, not a handbag.