



## Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

### Year 8 Geography Trip 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The geography department is excited to offer Year 8 students the opportunity to attend an end of year fieldtrip to the Bishop's Wood Field Study Centre. During the day students will conduct an ecosystems study in the woodland using a range of equipment to measure abiotic and biotic factors such as vegetation coverage, soil Ph and light intensity. They will also complete an orienteering course after learning how to use a compass.

Students will apply their classroom learning to a real-life ecosystem, using a range of data collection methods to investigate a research question. This will build upon their skills gained in Year 7 when they completed a fieldwork investigation into the sustainability of our school and their map skills. We hope all of Year 8 will join us for this exciting trip.

#### Times

Students are to arrive at school at 8.00. We expect to return to school at 16.00.

#### Dates

Year 8 will be split across two days, depending on their teaching group:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July      8B      8C      8G

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July      8D      8E      8F

#### Kit

Students should bring their pencil case, a packed lunch & drinks in a backpack. They may wear their own outdoor clothing (i.e. leggings and t-shirt) with suitable footwear (old trainers). We will be outdoors all day so weather appropriate clothing such as a sun hat or raincoat will be needed.

To cover the cost of the trip we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£41.50**, which will cover coach travel and all activities led by Field Study Council staff. 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@sutcold.bham.sch.uk](mailto:finance@sutcold.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 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. Chiverton  
Head of Geography