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Dear Parents

'A' Level Geography visit to the Lake District

I write to give you further details of the arrangements for the 'A' Level Geography fieldwork visit to the Lake District.

I confirm the dates of the visit as Monday 30th January until Friday 3rd February. I will meet the students at 10.00 a.m. at Reading station, from where we will catch the train to Penrith. Your son/daughter will be expected to make their own way to and from Reading Station. The time for the returned journey will be confirmed.

The Blencathra Centre where we are staying is run by the Field Studies Council. It is well equipped and offers a high standard of tuition. Please find enclosed with this letter an information leaflet provided by the Centre about equipment required for the course. In particular, I would emphasise the need for:

- ♦ appropriate clothing – the Lake District climate can be very different from that found in Berkshire.
- ♦ a flask, lunch box and rucksack for carrying packed lunches every day
- ♦ a hardback notebook for use in the field, kept inside a large polythene freezer bag – working from numerous soggy pieces of paper in the evenings can be demoralising!
- ♦ a little money – the only opportunities to spend money will be on the train journeys and in the tuck shop at the Centre
- ♦ a packed lunch for the outward journey only – lunch will be provided by the Centre for the return journey.

Each day provides an opportunity to experience at first hand an element of the 'A' Level course which can then either serve as an example in an exam answer, or will provide ideas and techniques which will be used in the practical skills paper. On many of the days we will do both. In my experience, courses of this type provide a valuable intellectual challenge, an opportunity to become secure with 'A' Level concepts and examples, and the bonus of working for a sustained period with other students, often from different schools, with a shared purpose.

The address and telephone number of the Blencathra Centre can be found on their leaflet in case you need to contact me in an emergency while we are away. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you require any further information or advice about the visit.

Yours sincerely

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Geography Subject Leader

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