

FKM/Hunstanton/ArtsF/LH

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Arts Festival: Year 8 Geography trip to Hunstanton

I write to invite your son/daughter on an exciting trip to Hunstanton on Monday 4 July 2016. As part of our Arts Festival week, the Geography department is running a trip to the coastal town of Hunstanton, on the Norfolk coast. This trip aims to give students the opportunity to experience some of the Geography they studied earlier in the year first-hand. Our first stop will be a 30-minute tour of the Hunstanton coastline on the Wash Monster, when students will experience the coast from a different viewpoint and learn about the area's history. Students will also have the opportunity to carry out some fieldwork techniques on the sea defences, look at how the town is influenced by tourism and get creative in the sand!

Coaches will be leaving Longsands at 9.00 am and will return at 5-5.30 pm and, therefore, students who catch the school buses will need to make alternative arrangements to get home from the Academy. Students are not expected to wear uniform but should be dressed appropriately. Footwear should be suitable for the beach and walking about the town. Sunscreen/waterproofs may be needed; please check the weather forecasts closer to the time. Students will need to bring a packed lunch or money to buy some lunch. During the visit it may be necessary for students to work in groups of 4 to 5 unsupervised for a short period of time, so they can carry out a survey.

This trip is being subsidised by Arts Festival, there are 65 spaces which will be allocated on a lottery basis. If your son/daughter would like to attend, please pay £20, which will contribute towards travel costs and the Wash Monster, via ParentPay by the 27 June. Should you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37. **Please note: we ask that you provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip, as well as relevant medical information in the mandatory notes section.**

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you may be able to access financial support from Pupil Premium for this trip. Further advice on eligibility for free school meals is available on our website. If you are not eligible for free school meals but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy *may* be able to support you. If you wish to apply for either Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs E Simpson ([esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk)).

I look forward to an enjoyable and worthwhile trip.

Yours sincerely



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