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Dear Parent/Carer

**Geography Trip to Blencathra, Lake District
Friday 23rd – Monday 26th June 2017**

We are proud to announce the details of our educational school trip to the Lake District. We have chosen to go with the Field Studies Council, which has a field studies centre in Blencathra, Cumbria. The Field Studies Council is a registered charity renowned for providing enjoyable and safe trips which educate and inspire students about the natural world. For more information about the Field Studies Council please follow the link to their website: <http://www.field-studies-council.org/>

Blencathra is a picturesque Lake District setting, located on high ground looking over rolling hills and surrounding lakes. A short drive away is Keswick, a pretty Lake District village attracting many tourists, with many walks out into the countryside. The area is perhaps best known for its impressive series of lakes and hills, created during the most recent Ice Age around 100,000 years ago. In more recent years, Cumbria has fallen victim to extreme weather and flooding.

The trip has been designed for Year 10 students who have opted to study Geography at GCSE. The Geography exam will place a large emphasis on fieldwork. This residential visit will provide students with four days of fieldwork in a unique environment, which will give them experiences to recall in the exam.

We have worked hard to ensure that this trip is as cost efficient as possible, and to this effect, the school has subsidised the trip by £100 per student.

The total cost will therefore be £195.00 per student, which includes return coach transport, accommodation, all meals, tuition, insurance and a range of activities and visits, including:

- Local river visits
- Exploration of Blencathra's Hydro-Electric Scheme
- Study of coastal management at St Bees
- Investigation into the impact of flooding and flood management in Keswick
- Evaluation of the urban opportunities and challenges facing Carlisle

If your child would like to participate in the trip, please complete the slip below and return it together with a deposit of £45.00 in the envelope provided by **Friday 25th November 2016**. This will be followed by five monthly instalments of £30.00.

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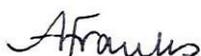
We are sharing this trip with St Leonards Academy and there are 40 places available which will be allocated on a first come/first served basis.

Please note deposits are non-refundable. If a student is unable to take part in a trip after further monies have been paid, the school will endeavour to recoup costs on the student's behalf. Please note that in the majority of cases this is not possible, owing to group booking terms and conditions and cancellation fees.

In order to be fair to students, we must put conditions in place for all students, as it is a huge responsibility taking students on any trip and we must ensure that The Hastings Academy is well represented. Therefore, we can only take students who behave consistently well according to THA rules between now and the date of the trip. Any student with more than three 'Consequence 4s' (C4s) will not be allowed on the trip as we cannot guarantee they will behave well in the sometimes intense environment of a residential school visit.

If you need any more information on these please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Franks
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**Please detach Lake District – 23rd June – 26th June 2017
Please return to Student Reception by Friday 25th November 2016**

I would like my child **Name:** _____ **Tutor Group:** _____
to take part in the **Geography Trip to Blencathra** in June 2017.

I enclose an initial non-refundable deposit of £45.00 (cash/cheque*) and confirm that I will make all further payments as per the given schedule. In the event of the trip being cancelled, refunds will be made by BACS.

*delete as appropriate

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer Date: _____

2017 Lake District payment schedule

| Payment no. | Amount | To be paid by |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | £45.00 | 25 th Nov 2016 |
| 2 | £30.00 | 20 th Dec 2016 |
| 3 | £30.00 | 3 rd Feb 2017 |
| 4 | £30.00 | 3 rd Mar 2017 |
| 5 | £30.00 | 7 th Apr 2017 |
| 6 | £30.00 | 5 th May 2017 |

It is important that the above payment schedule is adhered to. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your child's place on the trip. Where a deadline falls during a school holiday please ensure payment has been made in time.

The amounts shown are the minimum, meaning larger instalments can be made or the total amount paid off sooner if desired.

