

The Gilbert School

KQU/sma
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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE Geography – Trip to Colchester Garrison

Geography students must complete two geographical investigations during their Geography GCSE in order to prepare them for their exams. To help students gather their primary data for the assignment we have organised a trip to Colchester Garrison. All students will need to attend.

Groups 10B1 (JCA), 10B2 (JCK), and 10C1 (KQU) will go on Thursday 11th June. The coach will leave school at 9.00am and will return to school by 1.30pm. Students will then be required to attend a coursework workshop that day from 1.30pm to approx. 3.20pm where they will begin to write up their course work.

The trip will incur a voluntary contribution of £11.50 per student. Students will need to bring their writing equipment, a clipboard or hard-backed file to lean on and their coursework booklet. Students do not have to wear school shoes, they may wear trainers as these will be more comfortable to walk in, however they **will** need to wear school uniform. Students will also be required to bring a packed lunch in case we are delayed returning to school.

Parents/Carers should complete a consent form by clicking on the following link by no later than **Friday 17th April 2026**: [Parental Consent Form](#)

Once we have received your completed consent, we will activate the trip on ParentPay with **payment due by no later than Friday 24th April 2026**. If you do not currently have a ParentPay account, arrangements can be made through PayPoint, please contact the finance office on finance@gilberd.com.

In the unlikely event that the trip is cancelled completely please be aware that if we incur any non-recoverable charges, we may not be able to provide a full refund.

If you have any questions about these arrangements or payments, please contact Mrs Qusted (kqu@gilberd.com).

Yours faithfully

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