



6th June 2017

Dear Parents,

As part of the Enrichment programme at St Martha's, the Humanities Department together with the English and Mathematics departments have arranged a navigation challenge day for the First Form. On Wednesday 21st June, a trip has been organised to Black Park and Langley Park in South Buckinghamshire where your daughter will spend half the day geocaching and half the day orienteering.

This is a great opportunity for your daughter to explore a local environment and to develop a sense of place, space and hopefully direction! These are all fundamental skills required to be a good geographer. Geocaching is a relatively new activity whereby GPS devices and coordinates are used to find items that have been hidden in our countryside. This will take place in Langley Park. The second half of the day will involve the orienteering course at Black Park.

The day will include short teaching sessions by St Martha's staff before the girls head off in small groups (with a member of staff) to attempt a main challenge in each park. The aim of the day is for the girls to be challenged to use the geographical skills they have learnt in lessons this year in an outside environment.

In addition, the girls will test and develop their numeracy and literacy skills. Whilst orienteering and geocaching, the girls will be required to use scale to give distance and write a short description of each site entry.

The girls must wear their school PE kit and arrive at school at their usual time for registration at 8.25am. We will leave school at 9.30 am. The parks have well-defined trails and the students should wear trainers or walking shoes. Your daughter should also bring a small bag with the following in it:

- Waterproof jacket
- Sun cream
- A bottle of water
- Lunch (the school will provide lunch if required)
- A small amount of cash as there are cafes at the parks.
- A pen
- A phone to download the geo caching app.

We will be returning to school by the end of the normal school day at 4pm. There is a small cost of £5 for the trip to cover the coaches.

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Yours sincerely,

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Head of Humanities

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Trip to Black Park on the Wednesday 21st June 2017.

I give my permission for my daughter to take part in this trip.

I enclose a cheque/cash for £5 to cover the cost of the day.

Daughter's name:

Signed: Date.....

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