

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

ripleystthomas.com  
Ashton Road Lancaster LA1 4RS



01524 64496  
admin@ripley.lancs.sch.uk

October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware your son/daughter was due to attend a residential fieldtrip at the Field Studies Council in Blencathra but due to the current situation surrounding Covid-19 this has not been possible. The aim of the fieldtrip was to complete the compulsory fieldwork requirements of the A Level course, collect data for their Independent Investigation which is worth 20% of their final A Level marks and to teach part of the core topics that form part of the exams due to be sat in Summer 2021.

When I last wrote to you we had made plans to reschedule this fieldtrip for the autumn term but soon after the government guidance was updated and advised against residential fieldtrips. In light of this change to the guidance we have had to cancel this residential fieldtrip. Any fees paid will be reimbursed to you by the school.

As the students are still required to submit an Independent Investigation we are still proposing to offer guided fieldwork to support them in completing this element of their course. We will still be using the expertise of the Field Studies Council to help guide the students through their fieldwork experience but this will now be done via a series of day trips to local environments.

I will be in touch to confirm dates for this in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

M Wallace  
Subject Leader, Geography

*Believe.....*

Principal Mrs C Walmsley  
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

The Bay Learning Trust. Company Number: 07588464  
Registered in England & Wales

