

KTM/JDJ

7 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Geography Trip to Norway, July 2025

I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity that the Geography Department is offering next year for your son/ daughter to enjoy a spectacular 5-day visit to Norway.

This trip could be a fantastic way to celebrate finishing GCSE/ A-Level exams!

The trip is designed to be an educational 'awe and wonder' vacation that will help students' understanding of Geography topics such as glaciers, rivers, ecosystems, urban environments and resources.

The trip is offered to students studying Geography at GCSE or A-level in the first instance and depending on uptake this may be expanded to other students with a genuine interest in Geography and visiting Norway. The trip is open to students who will be in years 10 – 13 at the time of travel.

This trip is planned to run from **Monday 14 - Friday 18 July 2025**. Flight times will be communicated upon release of flights by the airline.

Students will have the chance to:

- Explore the fjords by kayak at Hardangerfjord with activity guides
- Learn about Norway's ecosystem at the Norwegian Nature Centre
- Experience the Tvindefossen and Vøringsfossen waterfalls
- Hike the glacier at Folefonna National Park with an expert guide
- Explore fluvial processes by white water rafting a Norwegian river system with an expert guide
- Discover Bergen and Voss
- View Bergen from the Fløibanen Funicular
- Enjoy evening activities at a lake-side hostel such as quizzes and a campfire with marshmallows

The cost of this trip will be **approximately** £1,190* based on 36 students participating. This is subject to change depending on our group size and cost of flights at the time of booking. This includes:

- Return flights London Gatwick – Bergen
- Transfers to/from the airport by coach
- 4 nights full-board hostel accommodation
- Comprehensive insurance
- Exclusive use of executive-class coach throughout

The only other costs will be spending money while in Norway and breakfast and lunch on Day 1 and dinner on Day 5.

To secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, please make payment of the **non-refundable deposit of £250.00 no later than 25 October 2024** by ParentPay. ParentPay will open for this trip on 9 October 2024. Please contact the Finance Team on 01373 465353 ext. 312 with any payment queries. Payment of this deposit confirms that you have read, fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities and agree to your son/daughter taking part.

We are able to offer a payment plan as follows:

Deposit	£250.00	Payment due	25 October 2024
Instalment 1	£235.00	Payment due	6 January 2025
Instalment 2	£235.00	Payment due	3 February 2025
Instalment 3	£235.00	Payment due	3 March 2025
Instalment 4	£235.00*	Payment due	4 April 2025

** Final balance maybe subject to change depending on our student numbers and flights.*

Please note the maximum number of students who can be taken on this school trip is 36. Places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Please be aware that:

- Insurance will be taken out for the visit abroad to give adequate personal cover. This is included in the cost of the trip.
- Please check that your son/daughter's passport is valid for the travel dates and that you have ensured all dietary, medical and passport details are correct on ParentPay.
- Your son's/daughter's place is not confirmed unless payment is received.
- By paying the deposit of £250, you are committing to pay the full amount of approximately £1,190 and should you cancel, even at an early stage, you may still be liable to pay the **full amount should your son/daughter's place not be filled by another student.**

The College reserves the right to refuse a child's place on a trip if their behaviour is deemed a potential health and safety risk to the wider group.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at college at kthomson@fromecollege.org if you have any further questions at this stage.

Yours Sincerely



Dr K Thomson
Teacher of Geography