



Dear Parents/Guardians

10th February 2026

**RE: Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Reculver Towers and Herne Bay Wednesday 25th March**

I am pleased to inform you that we are organising a trip to Reculver Towers and Herne Bay for the 25th March.

The aim is to introduce the students to the use and protection of a coastal landscape which is protected on one side and left to the elements on the other. As part of the trip we will be measuring the levels of sediment either side of the groynes, the gradient of the beach(s) and will try to evaluate the effectiveness of the defences.

We will also spend some time in Herne Bay to examine the use of the coast. The students may also have a chance to purchase an Ice Cream or visit the Fish and Chip shop.

We shall be leaving school by coach at 09:00 and returning at approximately 15:00. Students will be working outside for the majority of the day and therefore suitable clothing will need to be worn. A heatwave is unlikely although last year we were blessed with fantastic weather. Nearer the date I will try and give a more precise weather forecast.

A packed lunch will be needed, If your child is entitled to free school meals a packed lunch will be provided for them.

The cost of this trip is £16.75 and is payable through ParentPay. Could I please ask that the cost of the trip is paid and a fully completed consent form returned by Wednesday 18th March 2026 at the latest. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any support in completing any aspect of these requirements before the trip.

*For any trip the school reserves the right to refuse participation of any student whose behaviour may jeopardise the school's reputation and put the school into disrepute. Decisions of this nature will be made by the School's Senior Leadership Team in liaison with the Trip Leader.*

If you wish to discuss your son/daughter's progress or have any questions in relation to the field trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Colin Gellatly  
Head of Geography



THE HOLMESDALE SCHOOL – CONSENT FORM – Year 9 Geography

**Reculver Towers and Herne Bay. 25th March 2026**

**Mr C Gellatly**

Name of Student:-----

I give my permission for my child ----- (name of child) to take part in Reculver Towers and Herne Bay trip.

In the event of any emergency, I give permission for school staff to authorise any necessary medical treatment for my child, including administration of an anaesthetic.

My son/daughter has a medical condition/allergy (please specify):-----

Parent's emergency contact telephone number:-----

Signed:----- (parent/guardian) Date: -----

