



Ynyslas Nature Reserve

Alice McCosh Trust Report

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Report on AS geography field study to Wales.

Background Information

The purpose of the visit was to enable Year 12 Geography students to attend an AS residential field study. This visit would at first hand enable students to acquire experience of collecting primary data in the field, to meet with an environmental management graduate to discuss environmental management techniques and to broaden experiences and raise expectation amongst students, who are predominantly from an urban zone which is in the 20% most deprived areas in the country, with many likely to be the first generation of their family to enter higher education.

Programme

13 Year 12 Geography students attended a 2 day residential course in Borth (mid Wales). The purpose of the course was to look at coastal management techniques and environmental management techniques at Ynyslas Nature Reserve.

Impact

Several key features have come out of this visit. First and foremost students have gained insight into fieldwork and research techniques which can be applied to AS Geography examinations. Secondly, from an aspirational point of view several students have expressed a wish to study further at University with students beginning to explore Aberystwyth and Bangor Universities in the area.

Overall many social and educational benefits were gained from this visit, which would not have been possible without the support of the Alice McCosh Trust. Thank you from the staff and students involved from St. Thomas More School.

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