

Year 11 Geography GCSE Fieldwork - Walton-on-the-Naze

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students must complete a 'variety of fieldwork in two contrasting environments'. To this end, our usual day of fieldwork – to Walton-on-the-Naze on the Essex coast – took place on Tuesday, 5th March 2024.

Students travelled by coach to Walton-on-the-Naze where two contrasting environments were studied. One took place in the town of Walton with students considering the relationship between population structure and economic activity. Land use surveys and questionnaires were undertaken.

The other investigation was completed at the beach, with physical geography fieldwork methods used to research the effectiveness and purpose of sea defences.

The fieldwork completed is a well-established activity and carefully managed activities on the beach are led by the Essex Wildlife Trust who, not only consider the safety aspects of such work, but have a very good understanding of the marine processes to be observed and the coastal management strategies in place.

