Dear Parents of F11 Students,

The Group 4 Project is a mandatory IB Science event which will be taking place on Tuesday, 24th February and Wednesday 25th February with group presentations on Thursday 5th March in the afternoon.

The group 4 project is a collaborative activity where students from different group 4 subjects work together on a scientific or technological topic, allowing for concepts and perceptions from across the disciplines to be shared in line with aim 10—that is, to “develop an understanding of the relationships between scientific disciplines and their influence on other areas of knowledge”. It could be undertaken in a wide range of ways, including designing and carrying out a laboratory investigation or fieldwork under a common theme.

Our theme this year is ´Foz (estuary) Science´ and as a result we intend to visit the spit of land by Afurada to undertake fieldwork from 9am-1pm on Tuesday 24th February. Four Science teachers and the School´s Laboratory will be accompanying the Form 11 students during the visit. On Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday the students will be off timetable but carrying out practical work in the four Science Laboratories. They may wear more casual clothing appropriate to fieldwork for these two days.

After registration, we will travel by minibus to the Douro estuary at Afurada and similarly the minibuses will pick us up at 1pm to return to school in time for lunch. The cost of transportation is approximately €10.00 which you will be invoiced for at the end of the month. Students should bring a snack and drink for break as there are no shops near the fieldwork site.

Please can you complete the parental permission letter slip and include your son/daughter ´s mobile number. This slip should be returned to Miss Smith on Monday 23rd February.

Yours faithfully,

Miss K J Smith
Teacher of Biology and Head of Science
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PERMISSION SLIP

At all times pupils must ensure that they are exemplary in their conduct and behaviour; they are essentially, ambassadors for the Oporto British School. In the unfortunate circumstance(s) that these standards are not adhered to, staff will contact the parent(s) and the Head of Section, with a view that they may be sent home or collected immediately.

Name of F11 Student ________________________________

Student’s mobile telephone number ______________________
I give my permission for my son/ daughter to attend Group 4 Project Field Study in Afurada

I understand that I will be billed approximately €10.00 for this trip.

Parental signature. ________________________________

To be returned to Miss Smith on Monday 23rd February