



**06 May 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 9 and 10 Iceland trip**

For a Geographer nothing beats seeing the diversity of the world. With this in mind, we are again proposing to run a Key Stage 4 Geography trip to Iceland.

This is not a compulsory element of the GCSE course but it will offer students first-hand experience of features and processes that they can call upon in their final exams (and no doubt beyond). Aspects of the course that the trip will reinforce include tectonic processes, glacial processes and river processes. More importantly, it will be an awe-inspiring adventure to a remote and fascinating corner of the planet.

The proposed trip will take place during the first weekend of the Easter break 2023. We will leave on Friday 31 March (we will miss one day of school) and return Monday 3 April. During a four day and three night excursion we will experience geo-thermal heated spas, live volcanoes, geysers, bubbling mud pools, spectacular waterfalls, majestic glaciers and we shall walk inside the rift between two tectonic plates. Our more rural destinations may well offer us the opportunity to experience the Aurora Borealis (northern lights). Activities will include walking up (or even climbing) a glacier with ice axes and crampon, experiencing a Lava Show, venturing into a lava tunnel created by the forces of nature and swimming in the geothermal water originating 2,000 metres below the surface at the famous Blue Lagoon. See a proposed itinerary on the next page.

The exact times of departure and return are yet to be finalised. Given its nature and location, inevitably the trip is more expensive than most offered by the school; be assured that we are seeking all avenues to reduce the overall cost as much as possible. At present the cost per student stands at £1065. This includes flights with Iceland Air and coach transport to and from the airport, full board accommodation for three nights and all transport in Iceland. Also included in the price is a local guide each day so that our students will get the very best educational and personal experience. The cost of all excursions has been included as has a contingency for fluctuating exchange rates.

The price of the trip is based upon 50 students. In order that the trip can be confirmed with the airlines at the price quoted, all returns must reach school by Friday 20 May 2022. Any reductions will, of course, be passed on to you.



If you would like your son/daughter to accompany this trip, please log in to ParentPay and click the consent form and pay the £100 non-returnable deposit by Friday 20 May. The remaining balance can be made in as many or few instalments as you prefer via ParentPay, with the final balance not due until January 2023. In the event of the trip being over-subscribed, will be selected according to our policy on oversubscribed trips and any unsuccessful students will have their deposit returned to them.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

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