



8 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## Iceland trip - 10 to 14 April 2025

The Geography department are pleased to be able to offer a residential trip to Iceland in April 2025.

The purpose of this trip is to provide our students with a unique educational experience, allowing them to explore the breathtaking scenery and rich natural features of Iceland. We believe that this trip will not only enhance their understanding of geography and geology but also foster a sense of curiosity and appreciation for the world around them.

There are 40 places available to students currently in Year 8 and Year 9 that are showing a keen interest in Geography.

For Parents/Carers of students in Year 9 we are conscious the opportunity of a trip to New York is also available and the overlap is not ideal however, trips take a long time to organise and we want to provide a variety of opportunities throughout their seven year journey with us.

The total cost of the trip is £1250, to be paid in instalments, as we need to book flights and accommodation. This cost includes coach transfers between school and the airport, accommodation at two different locations over the four night stay, both of which are on a full board basis, and transport within Iceland.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students, we have made all the necessary arrangements with Discover the World Education who have experienced tour guides who are knowledgeable about the local environment and customs and will be with us during our stay in Iceland.

### Outline Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b> - Birmingham to Keflavik - Bridge Between Continents - Gunnhver Hot Springs - Reyjanesviti Lighthouse - Grindavik - Seltun Geothermal Area - Overnight Hotel Hvolsvöllur
<b>Day 2</b> - Sólheimajökull - Vik - Reynisfjara - Dyrholaey - Skógafoss - Seljalandsfoss - Overnight Hotel Hvolsvöllur
<b>Day 3</b> - Secret Lagoon - Gullfoss - Geysir - Thingvellir - Overnight Hotel Hvolsvöllur
<b>Day 4</b> - Kerid (pay locally) - Hveragerdi Hot Spring Walk - Selfoss - Local Swim (pay locally) - Reykjavik City tour - Dinner in Reykjavik - Overnight Hotel Cabin
<b>Day 5</b> - Transfer to Keflavik Airport for trip back to Birmingham

**Please note: students will need their own passport and have an 'expiry date' at least 3 months after the 14 April 2025.**

- ParentPay will be open on **Monday 11 March** at **5.00pm** for all parents/carers of students currently in Years 8 and Year 9 to pay a deposit of £250.
- Once 40 deposits have been paid the trip allocation will be full and will no longer show on ParentPay.
- Once the trip is fully subscribed, we will write again with the opportunity to register for a waiting list.

A deposit of £250 is required to secure your child's place. This will need to be paid by **Monday 8 April** via ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)). Please also complete the required information, via Parent Pay, to provide student's consent and emergency details. Please note that once you have committed to a trip, all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

Payments of £250 then need to be made on each of the dates below:

Friday 7 June 2024

Friday 9 August 2024

Friday 11 October 2024

Friday 10 January 2025

We suggest students bring a small amount of cash as we may have opportunities to visit other sites on our visit.

We do appreciate the significant cost of this trip, it does represent excellent value for money in today's comparative market and we have worked with multiple companies to provide the trip at the lowest possible cost. However, despite this we know this will not be possible for all families, given other commitments, but listening to feedback we wanted to offer students the opportunity should that be possible.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found and in this instance a refund will be issued minus any deposit paid

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers or any that will be published as coming with the visit covers such items.

I will be arranging an evening event in the Autumn term 2024, to share important information specific to the trip and will inform you of the date nearer the time.

In the meantime should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Tel: 01926 338711 or email: [rwilliams@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:rwilliams@northleamington.co.uk).

Yours sincerely  
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