

**RE: Iceland trip April 2016
 Years 10-11 Geography Students**

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

The Geography team are organising an enrichment trip to Iceland to give students first-hand experience of tectonic hazards, management and geothermal power, all areas studied at the GCSE and again for parts of the A level course.

At this time the price of the trip is £775 which will cover all transport, full board and all day and evening activities. A more detailed itinerary is shown below although this may change slightly over the course of the next year. We will be flying out of a London airport on the 7th of April and returning on the 10th April (end of the Easter holidays). Times and airport will be confirmed as soon as flights are released.

Thursday	Morning flight from London airport Arrival in Reykjavik and into the blue lagoon (geothermal pools) Arrive at hotel for evening meal
Friday	Tour of the south shore – visit Hellisheidi – skogar – solheimajokull and Possible glacial walk (subject to availability) Arrive at countryside hotel – evening meal
Saturday	Golden circle tour Hveragerdi – kerid – fridheimar and thingvellir national park. Arrive at Reykjavik hotel evening meal – evening swimming
Sunday	Morning tour of Reykjavik and Reykjanes peninsula (<i>Mordor</i>) Afternoon flight back from Reykjavik

At this early stage, the exact timing and cost of the flights and activities cannot be confirmed and are therefore based on estimated costs. Please be aware that due to fluctuating flight costs and a change in the exchange rate the final cost of the trip may vary slightly to this price originally advertised any additional money will be returned. The exact details of the itinerary may vary slightly but the trips to blue lagoon and golden circle are confirmed, along with a night in the countryside to see the last of the northern lights (this cannot be guaranteed).

The nature of this trip is more backpacker than holiday goer. Students will be expected to bring their own sleeping bags and towels rather than using the hotels linen. Students must be able to pack light and small holdalls or rucksacks are preferable to suitcases as they will stay in 3 different locations.

Please see the payment plan for the cost of the trip below: We ask that a deposit of £100.00 is paid by 19th June as this will be needed to secure flights. Further instalments are set out in the table below.

Deadline	Amount
19 th June (security deposit)	£100.00
13 th July	£150.00
9 th September	£150.00
1 st October	£125.00
2 nd November	£125.00
4 th January	£125.00



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It is vital that these deadlines are met, if you wish to pay off the trip earlier than the instalments suggest this can be organised.

As this trip is overseas, all pupils will need their own up-to-date passport and EHIC Card (www.ehic.org.uk). We will also require a copy of their current passport, please ask them to bring this in for photocopying.

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip, then fill out the reply slip below and return to finance with the security deposit. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and we would therefore recommend that you respond as soon as possible, there are only 40 places available! Should the places fill then we will start a waiting list for those who are interested but did not secure a place. Furthermore, the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern.

For anyone who is experiencing some financial difficulties there is a bursary that can be applied for through the school which can cover some cost of the trip. Please contact Mrs Kelby at the school for information about eligibility for bursary support.

If you have any questions at this initial stage then please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

Miss Hart

Head of Geography

Iceland geography reply slip

Student name: _____ Geography teacher: _____

I wish for my son/daughter to take part in the Iceland trip in April 2016 and enclose cash/cheque deposit of £100. Cheques to be made payable to Vandyke Upper School.

I understand the deposit is nonreturnable.

I wish to make payments through the online banking system Please contact me with details

Parent signature: _____ Name: _____

Contact information detail: _____

