5 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

ICELAND FIELD STUDIES TRIP 2019

Your son/daughter has the opportunity to go to Iceland on a field studies trip during October half-term holiday for 4 nights and 5 days. We are unable to confirm the exact dates for the trip as they are subject to change depending on flight availability. However the provisional dates are 28 October to 1 November 2019. The trip is optional and will be open to current Year 10 students as an exciting experience for all, in particular those wishing to study Geography for A-level.

The trip will provide the opportunity for the students to see some of the features only studied previously in the classroom. A draft itinerary is attached and this will be finalised when exact numbers are known. An information evening will be held at School nearer the time of the trip. This trip includes several aspects of the GCSE course including plate tectonics. It also provides an excellent opportunity to experience the culture of a country different from the UK.

The trip is in October half-term when we will have the chance to see the Northern Lights. As well as fuelling students’ enthusiasm, the trip provides an opportunity to observe the night sky in an area with very little light pollution.

The total cost for the trip will be in the region of £1020 (the exact figure will be dependent on confirmation from the tour company once they have secured accommodation and flights).

A non-refundable £100 deposit will be required following allocation of places.

Allocation of Places

This trip has a limited number of places. Places will be allocated initially to current Year 10’s studying Geography. Should the trip be oversubscribed by the reply deadline, remaining places will subsequently be allocated randomly from those students whose replies have been received prior to the reply deadline. If you wish your son/daughter to participate, please complete this GroupCall reply slip by Thursday 7 February 2019. Please note that payment is only required on allocation of a place.

Any students who are not successful in securing a place on the trip will be placed on a reserve list. If you do not hear anything further from the Geography Department, please assume that your son/daughter was not successful in securing a place on the trip.

Payment Upon Allocation of Space

Where spaces are limited such as for this trip, payment cannot be made until all parent replies have been received and places have been allocated. The payment deadline is therefore Monday 11 February. If your son/daughter is allocated a space, you will receive a letter confirming this shortly after the reply deadline, which will also request payment.
Failure to organise payment by the deadline may mean that your son/daughter’s place on the trip is forfeit, so please watch out carefully for that letter.

**Payment Schedule**

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This is the final approximate payment subject to the confirmation of flight prices.

Please note that reminders will not be sent until the balance is due in July.

The cost includes:
- Return scheduled flights to Keflavík (including all taxes and charges)
- 4 nights’ accommodation at a hotel
- Professional guide for all but the first and last days
- Detailed itinerary of activities and field study resource material
- Breakfast and evening meals each day
- Insurance
- Small donation to a carbon-offsetting charity due to flying

The cost excludes lunch for two days (approximate cost in the region of £8 per person per day) and incidental personal expenses (e.g. telephone calls, snacks etc.).

In addition to the professional guide, students will be accompanied by members of staff from the Geography department. Please note that Iceland is a very expensive country so it is advisable that any spending there is kept to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

Miss N Westland
Geography Teacher
Head of Food Technology
To: Miss N Westland
Re: ICELAND FIELD STUDIES TRIP 2019

Student Name ..................................................................................................................

Form & Teaching Group ..............................................................................................

☐ Having read and understood the details of the visit as set out in the letter of 5 February 2019, I wish my son/daughter to participate in the trip to Iceland Field Studies Trip 2019.

☐ I confirm that if my son/daughter is offered a space on this trip, payment will be made by the deadline as outline in this letter.

Parent Signature ..............................................................................................................