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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The geography department are delighted to offer current year 9 students, who will be taking GCSE geography the opportunity to visit Iceland in October 2026.

Iceland is a fantastic destination for all students and is home to some of the very best geographical landscapes in the world. A visit here will prove to be an exciting and enriching experience for all who attend. Not only will it help to broaden students' knowledge-base and provide a great case study for their geography GCSE, it will also develop students' independence, confidence and resilience.

The trip will take place between **Wednesday 21st October 2026 - Sunday 25th October 2026** (5 days) and will cost **approximately £1350**, depending on flight prices. Any overpayment will be refunded. We recommend you also budget £15-£20 per day for spending money.

The cost of the trip will include:

- Group Travel insurance
- Return flights and taxi from Manchester, with hold luggage
- Overseas transfers
- 5 days/4 nights full board accommodation (all meals provided)
- Visits to Reykjavík city, Skógafoss waterfall, Sólheimajökull glacier, Gullfoss geyser, Deildartunguhver (the highest flowing hot spring in Europe), thermal baths, Barnafoss lava tube cave. This list is not exhaustive.
- Professional local tour guides

The trip will be organised by Discover the World Education, an award-winning school tour operator. Discover the World Education are experts in arranging learning experiences for school groups and will be on hand to make the trip as memorable as possible for pupils. Discover the World Education are both ABTA and ATOL bonded and are a member of the School Travel Forum, which means that we have financial protection and that they have been externally verified for safety standards. They also provide a 24-hour emergency service for the school whilst on tour.

There are currently 36 places available for students, as places are limited it will be first come first serve once live on Scopay. **The trip will go live on Scopay in September and the deposit will be £200.** A monthly payment plan will be set up following the deposit. We are providing the information in advance to support families in budgeting for a trip of this cost.

If you have any questions at this point, please do not hesitate to get in touch at:

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Yours faithfully

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