

11 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

ICELAND RESIDENTIAL TRIP -21 - 25 OCTOBER 2027 (4 NIGHTS/5 DAYS)

We are pleased to confirm that Penwortham Priory Academy can once again offer a residential visit to Iceland in October 2027. The trip will be available to those students currently in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 who will subsequently be in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 of the academic year 2027/28.

The key information about the trip can be found below. Please read this carefully.

- 5 days and 4 nights
- Departs on 21 October 2027
- Returns on 25 October 2027
- The total cost of the trip is £1460 per student
- The purpose of the trip is to complement study taken place so far in Geography and Science and will cover key themes such as glaciation, plate tectonics, climate change, environmental change, resource management, geothermal power and hazard management
- The group size is 43 pupils and 6 staff from Priory
- There will be 6 adults accompanying the group, ensuring a ratio of 8:1 (students:staff)

The full trip itinerary for this trip is attached.

The price includes:

- Return flights from Manchester Airport to Keflavik International Airport
- Return coach transfer to and from the airport
- Half board accommodation at Hotel Cabin (breakfast and evening meal)
- Group travel insurance
- Hooded sweatshirt for the trip
- Entry to all excursions and activities

In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that pupils have approx. £150 spending money for the trip. This could be used for souvenirs, snacks etc but some of this money will be needed for lunch each day as this is not provided by the hotel. The tour company recommend £15-£20/day for lunch. Each tour day provides an opportunity for pupils to purchase lunch at one of the many stops throughout the day.

Included already in the price will be a hooded sweatshirt with the trip logo which will double up as a keepsake for future years.



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Students will also require a valid passport with a minimum of six months prior to expiry and additional visas. You can find out if you require a visa for Iceland by visiting the following website. This check is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

<https://island.is/en/o/directorate-of-immigration>

Each child will also need their own European Health Insurance Card and instructions on how to obtain this will be available if required.

How can I secure a place for my child?

- To secure a place for your child on this Iceland October 2027 residential visit, a non-refundable deposit of £150.00 is required, along with consent via SCOPay by 1 April 2026.
- A further payment of £200 will be required by 3 June 2026, should a place be secured.
- The final payment of £1110 is required by 1 July 2027.

Interim payments can be made at any time and a suggested payment plan will be sent out once trip places are confirmed. This payment plan will ensure that all monies are paid in time and will be structured to spread the cost of the trip.

SCOPay is live for deposit payments up until 3:00pm on Wednesday, 1 April when it will be taken down and no further deposits accepted. If your deposit is made after the first 43 deposit applications, this will be returned to you within ten working days. Should there be more interest than we anticipate, a reserve list will be put in place. *Please note that once a place is accepted and first deposit paid, no refund can be made if a parent later wishes to withdraw their child. Refunds will only be actioned if the trip does not go ahead due to a lack of final numbers.*

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis due to limited numbers. However, places are conditional on pupils maintaining good behaviour, meeting the Priory Standard and school expectations for behaviour and conduct prior to the visit. This may include, but not be limited to, a single internal or external exclusion, a large accrual of behaviour points or any other behaviour deemed to not meet the requirements needed for staff to feel confident whilst taking a pupil on an international visit. It is important to note that the school reserves the right to withdraw a place in any such circumstance if these standards are not met. In the event that a place is withdrawn due to behaviour concerns, a refund may not be possible dependent on negotiation with the travel company, and may be subject to any costs incurred by the school from the travel company.

What else should I know before I pay the deposit?

- The visit includes three separate occasions of swimming. It is important that students are able to swim a minimum of 500m.
- At present, the flight details are only in a holding format. This means that you may need to be flexible by a day either side of the current dates specified.

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- Students will share rooms with other students – typically in rooms of three or four. We try to ensure that these are with students in the same year group and in friendship circles, but it is important to note that we sometimes have to allocate mixed year groups dependent on the rooms allocated at time of check-in. There are no mixed gender rooms.
- There is no requirement for a student to be choosing GCSE Geography to attend this international visit
- The school has the right to withdraw a place if a student does not meet the school's behaviour expectations outlined above at any point prior to the trip, and by paying the deposit and giving your consent on SCOPay, you agree to this.
- If you voluntarily withdraw a place for your child, NST Travel charge a seat cancellation fee of £125 in addition to their normal cancellation fee

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 50 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away. We have used NST in our previous international residential visits with great success.

Once final numbers are secured and we can confirm the trip is to go ahead, there will be a letter sent home via pupils confirming place allocation and include dates for a Parent Information Evening here in school.

If you have any questions about this trip, please do get in touch as soon as possible. My contact email address is p.metcalf@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



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Provisional Itinerary:

Day 1

- **Morning:** Daytime flight from Manchester to Keflavik International Airport
- **Afternoon:** Transfer to accommodation and allocate roomings etc
- **Evening:** Evening meal & Reykjavik local harbour walk

Day 2

- **Morning:** Golden Circle Adventure, visits to Hellisheiði Power Station, Kerid, Gullfoss, Geysir, and Þingvellir National Park
- **Afternoon:** Continuation of Golden Circle adventure including The Secret Lagoon (swimming)
- **Evening:** Evening meal & group walk into Reykjavik City Centre

Day 3

- **Morning:** South Shore adventure, including visits to Skogafoss Waterfall, Reynisfjara, Solheimajokull, and Seljalandsfoss
- **Afternoon:** Continuation of South Shore adventure
- **Evening:** Evening meal and visit to local outdoor heated geothermal swimming pool (evening swim under the night sky)
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Day 4

- **Morning:** Reykjavik City Centre – Free time, Iceland Flyover Ride, Lunch
- **Afternoon:** The Blue Lagoon
- **Evening:** Evening meal – packing and PRIORITY Bingo

Day 5

- **Morning:** Transfer to the airport for the return flight from Keflavik International Airport back to Manchester, UK