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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to share that we are planning a residential visit to **Iceland** for students currently in **Year 6 and Year 7**, taking place in **March–April 2027**. This will be an unforgettable blend of adventure, geography, and cultural discovery, giving pupils the chance to experience one of the most extraordinary landscapes on Earth.

During the visit, students will explore **dramatic waterfalls, steaming geysers and volcanic terrain**, take part in a **guided glacier walk**, relax in a **geothermal pool**, and enjoy a truly spectacular **lava show in Vik**. Along the way, they will learn about Icelandic culture, wildlife, and how communities live alongside powerful natural forces—brought to life through hands-on, expert-led activities. It is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build confidence, develop friendships, and create lifelong memories. And of course... we're hoping for a glimpse of the **Northern Lights**!

To give you a flavour of what pupils will experience, please explore the links below:

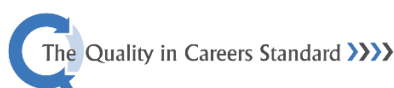
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Trip Details

- **Dates:** Wednesday 31st March – Saturday 3rd April 2027
- **Cost:** £1,100.00 (fully inclusive)

This price includes:

- Coach travel to and from the airport
- Return flights to Iceland
- Full board accommodation
- All meals in Iceland (breakfast and evening meal at the hotel, packed lunches for excursions)
- All excursions, visits, and entry fees
- A personalised hoody and beanie/bobble hat



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Allocating Places

There are **50 places available**. Priority will be given to pupils who have shown an excellent attitude to learning in Geography. If interest exceeds the number of places, we will use a **random draw** to allocate remaining spaces fairly. **The school's decision on the allocation of places will be final, and we ask that parents applying for a place respect this.**

If you would like your child to be considered, please complete the expression of interest form below by **Friday 6th February 2026**.

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

Please note that submitting the form does not guarantee a place.

Successful pupils will be notified by **Friday 27th February 2026**.

Payments

For those allocated a place, the payment schedule will most likely be:

- **£200 deposit** via Parent Pay — due by **Wednesday 29th April 2026**
- **£150** to be paid in **May**
- **£150** to be paid in **June**
- **£150** to be paid in **July**
- **£150** to be paid in **September**
- **£150** to be paid in **October**
- **£150** to be paid in **November**

Please be aware that:

- The **deposit becomes non-refundable** unless a replacement pupil can be found.
- As departure nears, securing a replacement becomes increasingly difficult, and later payments may also be non-refundable depending on circumstances.

Passports & Travel Requirements

Each child must travel with **their own passport**, valid for at least **six months beyond our departure date**. A **Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)** is also required. This is free and can be applied for here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/ghic>

Parents must also declare **any pre-existing medical conditions** so they can be recorded appropriately for insurance purposes.



Behaviour Expectations

Participation in the trip is dependent on pupils maintaining a good attitude and behaviour in school. The school reserves the right to withdraw a place if:

- There is repeated lower-level misbehaviour (with prior warning), or
- There is a serious breach of school rules (which may occur without warning).

In such cases, we cannot guarantee a full refund unless a replacement pupil can be found.

Reserve List

Once all 50 places are allocated, families will be informed if their child:

- Has secured a place
- Has been placed on the **reserve list**.

Places often become available as circumstances change throughout the year. Please note that, due to the fairness of the process, we are **unable to respond to complaints** about unsuccessful applications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch. We greatly look forward to offering this exceptional opportunity to our students.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H. Ramshaw
Teacher of Geography

