



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Geography Residential Visit to Iceland – October Half term 2023

We are pleased to bring you details of the optional Year 13 A Level Geography residential visit to Iceland, which is planned for October half term 2023. The trip is not a compulsory part of the Geography A Level course, but it will be an enjoyable experience for students and greatly benefit their knowledge and understanding of several of the core themes on the examination syllabus. We hope that it will be a real highlight of the A Level Geography course for many students.

The details for this optional visit are as follows:

- Dates:** Sunday 21 October to Wednesday 24 October 2023
Hotel: Hotel Ork and Hotel Lighthouse (TBC)
Cost: Approximately **£1080** (*final cost to be confirmed in the Spring term, once flight details and student numbers have been confirmed*).

During this visit, we hope to visit a range of geographically significant places, including Þingvellir National Park, Dyrhólaey Coast, the Eyjafjallajökull lava museum and geo-thermal power plant. Students will also have a chance to visit a newly erupting volcano and walk on a glacier with ice picks and crampons. Full details, including the final itinerary, will be confirmed in September, 2023. The cost of the trip includes return flights to Iceland, full board accommodation, coach transfers and all excursions and coach transfer from Parmiter's to Luton airport. Please be aware that some spending money will be needed to be set aside for students' own expenditure.

The visit will be run by the Geography Department in conjunction with 'Izzy Tours', a company with full ABTA and ATOL licences.

If you would like to apply for a place for your child on this trip, please make the **non-refundable** deposit payment of **£150** via **WisePay** (under Trips & Visits) **by Monday 12 December 2022**. We are aware of the short time-frame for the deposit payment, but this is due to flights and accommodation needing to be booked as soon as possible. **Please note: we will not be able to refund the deposit once it has been paid, as flights will have been booked and paid for.**

Please also complete and submit the [Medical Form](#) by **Monday 12 December**. **Students will need to log in to their school Google account before you can complete this form, as you will be requested to upload a copy of your child's passport via a link in the form.** As per the entry requirements for Iceland, if you are travelling on a UK passport then your passport must be valid for at least three months after 24 October 2023. If you have any problems providing a copy of your child's passport, then please e-mail j.everitt@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

The payment schedule is as follows and will need to be strictly adhered to:

Amount	Payment Due Date
£150 (Deposit)	Monday 12 December 2022
£200	Tuesday 31 January 2023
£200	Tuesday 28 February 2023
£200	Friday 31 March 2023
£200	Friday 28 April 2023
£130 (<i>tbc once final price is known</i>)	Wednesday 31 May 2023
£1080	Total cost of Trip

By paying, you are consenting to your child taking part in the above school trip. May we take this opportunity to reiterate that this payment fully commits your child to the trip and no refunds will be given, except as a direct and necessary result of any cause outside of the student's control (for example, if required to self-isolate in line with government guidance or serious illness/injury). If your child subsequently decides not to take part in the visit, you will lose all monies paid to date unless a replacement student can be found to fill the place. If a replacement can be found, then any costs incurred for altering the passenger details for the flight will be deducted from the refund given. We reserve the right to remove any student from the trip if the above payment schedule is not met.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration. We hope this will be a successful and enjoyable trip. Therefore, in the lead-up to the trip, all places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's **behaviour policy** during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations, then you will be asked to make arrangements for your child to return from Iceland at your own expense.

If you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to email j.everitt@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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