

14 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Geography Residential Visit to Iceland – October Half Term 2025

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 2025. This trip is not a compulsory part of the Geography A Level course, but will be a very stimulating and enjoyable experience for students and will greatly benefit their knowledge and understanding of several of the core themes on the exam syllabus. We hope that it will be a real highlight of the A Level Geography course for many students.

Details for this optional visit are as follows:

Dates: Saturday 25 – Wednesday 29 October 2025

Hotel: Hotel Ork (TBC)

Cost: Expected to be in the region of **£1380** (*final cost to be confirmed in the Spring term, once flight details have been finalised and student numbers 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 the geothermal 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 2025. The cost includes return flights to Iceland, full board accommodation, coach transfers in Iceland, all excursions and coach transfers from Parmiters to Heathrow airport. Please be aware that some spending money will need to be set aside for students' expenditures.

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 your child to take part in this trip, please make the deposit payment of **£230** via [WisePay](#) (under Trips & Visits) by **Friday 6 December 2024**. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable, unless we are unable to run the trip. We are aware of the short time-frame for the payment, but this is due to flights and accommodation needing to be booked as soon as possible. *If your child is in receipt of Bursary funding, please contact the Finance Office in confidence before Friday 6 December.*

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

Amount	Payment Due Date
£230 (Deposit)	Friday 6 December 2024
£230	Friday 31 January 2025
£230	Friday 27 February 2025
£230	Monday 31 March 2025
£230	Wednesday 30 April 2025
£230 (<i>tbc once final price is known</i>)	Friday 30 May 2025
£1380	Total cost of Trip

Please also complete and submit the [Medical Form](#) by **Friday 6 December 2024**. **Students will need to log in to their school Google account before completing 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 30 October 2025. If you have any problems providing a copy of your child's passport, then please e-mail j.everitt@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

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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.

Should 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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