

Geography Trip to Iceland Yr 11, Yr 12 and Yr 13

Fri 14th – Tues 18th February 2025

A Geography Tour to the Land of Fire and Ice.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very delighted to be able to launch this exciting trip to Iceland. This will certainly be a “once in a lifetime” tour programme offering a superb opportunity for our students to experience a unique landscape, and to see the effects of the natural forces first-hand.

They will see stunning scenery, giant geysers, huge glaciers, lava fields, massive waterfalls, and natural hot springs (which they will be able to bathe in). We feel strongly that this trip is not only directly linked to the GCSE and A level, but it will also enhance the student’s knowledge and experience and will certainly be a trip that they will never forget!

The tour programme will be five days and four nights in duration, during the February half term break and includes:

- Return flights from London Luton with Easyjet including Air Passenger Duty and 15kg checked luggage per person
- Full board accommodation
- Excursions to the Blue Lagoon, HEP power station and Iceland’s natural wonders including waterfalls, volcanoes, glaciers and geysers in Iceland's 'Golden Circle'. Our itinerary is attached below for you to download.
- Travel by private coach with English speaking guide in Iceland.
- Insurance (please note that personal items such as mobile phones, ipods and cameras are not covered on the school’s insurance policy).

The final price is dependent on the number of students interested and is currently estimated at approximately **£1330 - £1350 per student**. In accordance with the Governor’s policy on charging, this cost must be met through voluntary contributions from parents/carers. Numbers are restricted to a maximum of 40 students. All students will need a valid passport, less than 10 years old, with at least 3 months validity beyond the return date of the trip.

Initially this trip will only be open to current year 10/11/12 geography students. If spaces are not filled, the trip will be opened to the remaining students in these years on Monday 15th April. **If your son/daughter would like to participate in this trip, please submit your acceptance via Operoo no later than Friday 19th April. We also require a deposit of £300 by Friday 19th April 2024.** This payment should be made via ParentPay. In the likely event that this trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the date and time of your OPEROO RESPONSE. Therefore, please ensure you submit your response prior to paying your deposit. Deposit payments for unsuccessful students will be returned.

We apologise for the short notice for responses and deposits for this trip. This is because we are required to pay for our flight seats by the end of April.

Following the initial deposit payment, we will require 3 further instalments as follows:

- Two instalments of £350 due by Monday 1st July & Monday 30th September 2024
- Final instalment of approx £330- £350 (TBC) due by Friday 15th November 2024.

We do not want cost to be a barrier. We work closely with James Marshall foundation who may be able to provide a contribution towards the cost for students with a low family income, living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate. You can apply online for a funding grant by clicking here: <https://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.html>. Please note that they will consider grant funding on a case by case basis.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place and then decides to withdraw from the trip, you must notify us immediately in writing and you will be liable for any cancellation charges incurred, if a replacement cannot be found. The school reserves the right to withdraw from a trip any student whose ability to maintain the high reputation of Roundwood Park School could be in doubt. If any student's behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip; for the safety of the child, other students or staff in relation to everyone's safety and well-being. This would apply especially when a student's conduct and conduct choices are unpredictable - when a student cannot be trusted to be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. If a student is removed from the trip by the school, and we are unable to find a replacement, the school will only be liable to refund half of the monies paid, that are not recoverable from the supplier. If the school is concerned about a student attending a trip or visit we would make this clear to the parent and student as early as possible, after they have shown an initial interest.

SEND Support for this trip

If your child has additional needs and you are concerned about their attendance on this trip, then please get in touch with Mrs Hall at the earliest convenience. We are fully committed to ensuring that all of our students can participate in trips, regardless of their individual circumstances and will provide support and reasonable adjustments as required, to make this possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Porter.

Kind Regards

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