

6 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re. Iceland Trip April 2025. For students currently in Year 10 studying Geography or Year 9 students who have chosen GCSE Geography.

Your child has the exciting opportunity to take part in a once in a lifetime residential visit to Iceland from **Thursday 10 April to Monday 14 April 2025**. The trip will include the chance to visit the Reykjanes Peninsula, where we will explore the bubbling mud pools at Krysuvik and the steaming hot springs at Gunnhver. Whilst also on the Peninsula we will walk across the Bridge Between Continents, a symbolic bridge which crosses a major fissure, connecting the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates. We will visit the Secret Lagoon in Gulfoss, where students have the opportunity to swim in the oldest pool in Iceland which is fed by naturally hot springs. Following this is a trip to Thingvellir, where Iceland's famous double waterfall is located, together with the dramatic Geyser. We also have the chance to visit Iceland's interactive Lava Centre in Skogafoss. We will experience the stunning Black Basalt Beaches in Solheimajokull, where students will discover some of Iceland's most iconic rock formations. The Lava Tunnel is a huge highlight of this trip as we will walk through one of the longest lava tubes in Iceland. To end, we will have free time in Reykjavik, exploring Iceland's incredible capital city. To top off this amazing trip we are hoping to observe the Northern Lights as they occur from September to April. This visit will support your child's GCSE studies – specifically the natural hazards and cold environments topics, bringing to life things they will study in class. We will stay in a guesthouse in Iceland (full board) and travel out to places by coach each day.

The cost of this trip is **£1147** and includes all travel (in the UK and Iceland), accommodation and all meals (apart from the travel days on the 10th and 14th April), insurance and entrance fees. This price is potentially subject to change as it is dependent on flights, however we will endeavour to keep the costs down and inform you at every stage. Students will need their own passport and it is important to check that any current passports they have will be valid for travel next year. Their passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the day we plan to leave. We would need to see the passport to take a photocopy of them before Christmas to be able to fill in the passenger manifest. Further details to follow.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please complete the permission slip attached and return to the finance office by **Friday 15 March 2024**. There are only 40 places available for students and I envisage this being a popular trip so I recommend returning the form to put your name down for the trip as soon as possible. After the Friday deadline, if we have more than 40 students for the trip then student names will be placed in a ballot. You will then receive confirmation of your child's place on Monday 18 March. Once confirmed you will be required to pay a **deposit of £125 by Friday 22 March 2024** to secure your child's place on the trip. It is important that this deadline is met so that flights and accommodation can be secured and any price increases will be avoided. Please pay either via Scopay, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone).

Once deposits are collected, a letter will be sent out informing you of the final cost and the instalment dates for the remaining balance. If you have any questions regarding the visit please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Burrough

Teacher of Geography



The Castle School

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Trip to Iceland – Easter 2025

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Iceland from Thursday 10th to Monday 14th April 2025.

Student's name..... Form.....

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date