

25 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Iceland Trip – Monday 5 April to Friday 9 April 2027**  
**For students currently in Year 10 studying Geography**

Your child has the exciting opportunity to take part in a once in a lifetime residential visit to Iceland in April 2027. 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 travel by coach and plane, and stay in a guesthouse in Iceland (full board) and travel out to places by coach each day.

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 Gunnhuver. 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 will 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.

The cost of this trip is £1450 and includes all travel (in the UK and Iceland), accommodation and all meals (apart from the travel days on the 5 and 9 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 these will be valid for travel in 2027. 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 2026 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 student reception/finance office by **Monday 6 October 2025**. There are only 40 places available for students, and we envisage this being a popular trip, so we recommend returning the form to put your name down for the trip as soon as possible. After the Monday 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 by Friday 10 October. **Once confirmed you will be required to pay a deposit of £125 by Friday 17 October 2025 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 avoided. Payments can be made through Arbor only. If you have any queries regarding the payment, please contact The Castle School finance department.

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 Mr Marshall on [SMarshall@castle.bep.ac](mailto:SMarshall@castle.bep.ac)

Yours sincerely



Mr S Marshall  
**Head of Humanities**  
**The Castle School**

and

Mrs E Burrough  
**Teacher of Geography**  
**The Castle School**

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I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Iceland 2027.

Student's name .....

Form .....

Signed ..... (Parent/Carer)

Date .....