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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 12 and 13 Geography Iceland Trip – Easter 2024

We are pleased to inform you that the Geography Faculty are running a sixth form enrichment trip to Iceland during Easter 2024. This trip has been run for students on a biennial basis to ensure that all A Level Geography students have the opportunity to take part in the expedition.

The trip will be for 4 days 3 nights running in the first week of the Easter Holidays in 2024, potentially running into the middle weekend. The cost of the tour is estimated to cost **£900-£1000** subject to numbers; which includes:

- Return flights from Heathrow Airport (Icelandair) or Luton Airport (EasyJet)
- Airport transfer from the school to the airport
- Hold luggage for all passengers
- Professional local guide or Teacher Tour Leader (subject to availability) for all but the last day
- Students in multi-bedded rooms with bed linen and possible shared facilities
- Full board basis – from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last day
- All transportation within Iceland including airport transfers
- Travel Disruption Support, protecting the group should the unexpected

Highlights on the trip will include:

- Reykjanes Peninsula (where the recent eruption of Fagradalsfjall is ongoing)
- Waterfalls – Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss
- Sólheimajökull Glacier Walk
- Golden Circle – Secret Lagoon, Geysir, Gullfoss, Thingvellir National Park
- Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Station



This rate is based on current airfare predictions. An **initial deposit of £250** is required by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023** followed by the payment plan below:

- £250 – non-refundable deposit by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**
- £300 – **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**
- Remaining balance – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Your child will be notified soon after if they have gained a place on this trip and arrangements for outstanding instalments will be communicated. If your child is not successful in gaining a place, your deposit will be refunded. Should you have any queries, please contact the finance office on [trips@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:trips@sandringham.herts.sch.uk) or myself at [neil.miller@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:neil.miller@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

It is imperative that payment deadlines for this trip are strictly adhered to so that we can make the necessary payments to the tour operator and ensure that adequate numbers are secured. If payments are not received by the instalment dates, we would have no choice but to remove your child from the trip.

Please note, that by accepting your child's place on this trip, you are undertaking to make full payment by the given deadlines. Please also note that Discover the World do not differ from other tour companies with regards to cancellations and cancellation fees will apply.

The school will follow all advice given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Education and our tour operators when it comes to overseas travel for school trips. The tours operators we use provide both ABTA and ATOL protection as part of our tour packages. In the event that the FCO advises "against all travel" to an area or region, then these policies provide protection to prevent any loss in case of necessary cancellation. The school holds travel insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides cover in case of travel disruption, medical issues and other emergencies. This insurance does not cover any personal items including money, phones, gadgets and clothing in case of loss, damage or theft. Should you decide to remove your son/daughter from any trip where travel is still advised then this will not be covered by insurance, ABTA or ATOL.

Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school prior to the trip taking place. If any student's behaviour or attitude is in question and they are removed from the trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded. If you have any queries please feel free to get in contact and I will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Miller  
Director of Learning: Geography