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Dear Families,

## Year 12 and 13 Geography Iceland Expedition – Easter 2025 – Interest

I am writing to you today with respect to a prospective expedition to Iceland during Easter of 2025.

As you may or may not be aware, due to an unprecedented number of students taking Geography this year, we have been unable to offer a place on the trip to a small number of students who declared interest over the summer, as well as a number of other students who have shown interest since the course started.

As such, we are looking at creating an opportunity to make this trip annual for this cycle to offer the chance for all Year 12 students to visit. The trip will take place in the Easter period of 2025, when current Year 12 students are in Year 13.

For some context, over 20 geography students in our current Year 13 cohort are travelling to Iceland this Easter, as the trip is usually run bi-annually. We are confident that it does not have an impact on preparation for final exams as it is over a month in advance, and is inherently educational in nature.

In order to determine the viability of this trip, we would like to ask all families of students not going to Iceland this year to declare their interest in the child taking part in an expedition in 2025.

With Year 11 students making choices for their desired sixth form courses this term, we should be able to triangulate all the information to ensure that we have ample numbers to make the trip viable.

If you would like to declare an interest in taking a place on this trip, could you please complete a short online form accessible here: <https://forms.gle/cRUJhm9B6q2Jf31e9>

The **deadline** for this declaration of interest is the **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [millern@mysandstorm.org](mailto:millern@mysandstorm.org)

Yours sincerely,

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