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April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Geography fieldtrip to Iceland – Monday 29 March 2027 to Friday 2 April 2027

We have managed to secure 40 places for our annual Iceland trip. This country has become extremely popular, and as a result, securing group bookings is becoming more challenging each year. In 2027, the trip will take place during the first week of the Easter Holidays.

The itinerary provides an excellent opportunity for students to explore topics covered in both GCSE and A-level Geography, particularly tectonic landscapes. **Priority will be given to students who have chosen to study Geography at GCSE.** This trip promises to be a remarkable experience, providing firsthand insight into Iceland's unique landscape.

A provisional trip itinerary is listed below. Please note that activities may be subject to change as final arrangements are confirmed.

#### Day 1

##### Morning:

- Depart WKGS by coach for Manchester Airport. Fly to Iceland's Keflavik airport (via Jet2).

##### Afternoon / Evening:

- Visit the New Nátthagi / Geldingadalir Volcano lava field, the new volcanic landscape formed during the 2021 eruption.
- Visit the famous Blue Lagoon (comfort package including a free drink in the pool). The Lagoon is a unique lake with pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal water in the middle of a black lava field which has recently seen significant volcanic activity. Natural silica salts and minerals give the Lagoon its rich blue colour. Here we enjoy a sauna, steam baths and a 'massage waterfall' much needed after the long day of travel. The facilities include modern changing rooms and showers.
- Travel to accommodation for evening meal

#### Day 2

##### Morning / Afternoon:

- Golden Circle tour including:
  - Thingvellir National Park, a remarkable geological, and the most historical, site in Iceland. Þingvellir (twinned with Thingwall, Wirral) is the site of the world's oldest democratic parliament, founded in 930 A.D. The beautiful canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two of the earth's tectonic plates.
  - Gullfoss Waterfall - a huge 'golden' waterfall and impressive canyon where tectonic actions and erosion by water join forces to create a stunning landscape.
  - Great Geysir Geothermal Area to see one of the most active geysers in the area - Strokkur - spouting up to 30 metres (98 feet).



- Finally finishing the day with a visit to the Lava Centre to learn a lot about this tectonic landscape, at a new interactive museum.

**Evening:**

- Travel back to accommodation for evening meal
- Walk in to Reykjavik.

**Day 3**

**Morning:**

- The South Coast – View the impressive Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss falls Each waterfall has its own unique shape and story. Students will get the unique opportunity to walk behind the curtain of Seljalandsfoss.
- Lunch stop planned in the new restaurant adjacent to one of the waterfalls.

**Afternoon:**

- Travel to the southern coast including Dyrhólaey coastal features, the town of Vík and Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach, Take a walk on the seashore, which is flanked by steep bird cliffs of black basalt columns rising above the black basalt wave pounded sands.
- Finish with a walk to the snout of the Sólheimajökull Glacier where they will have the opportunity to explore the glacier's edge and learn about its formation and the impacts of climate change.

**Evening:**

- Travel back to accommodation for evening meal.

**Day 4**

**Morning / Afternoon:**

- Reykjavik – Students will enjoy a guided walking tour of Reykjavik to explore key landmarks and gain insight into the city's unique history and culture, followed by some free time for further exploration.
- Students will enjoy the FlyOver Iceland experience, an immersive attraction that uses motion, visuals, and special effects to simulate flying over Iceland's stunning scenery.
- Students will take part in the Lava Tunnel Tubing Experience, exploring ancient lava tunnels while gaining insight into Iceland's fascinating volcanic geology.

**Evening:**

- Travel back to accommodation for evening meal.
- Free time to visit Laugardalslaug swimming pool, a well-known outdoor geothermal pool in Reykjavik, offering a chance to relax and experience local leisure culture.

**Day 5**

**Morning:**

- Depart Iceland and return to the UK.

**Costs and Inclusions**

The cost of this trip will be **£1563**, which currently includes:

- Coach travel from WKGS to Manchester airport and return
- Return scheduled flights with Jet2
- Full board accommodation. Students will share a double, twin, or triple room equipped with Wi-Fi, satellite TV, en-suite bathroom.
- School travel Insurance, used on international trips arranged by WKGS and supported by the UK government (RPA).



- All excursions, tours and entrance fees.
- Packed lunches except on the days travelling to and from Iceland.
- Blue Lagoon experience and geothermally pool visit.
- A trip hoodie.

Final flight and departure details will be confirmed in due course.

### **Eligibility**

This trip open to current year 9 students (who will be in Year 10 at the time of travel). Priority for the 40 places will be given to GCSE Geography students, with any remaining places offered to current Year 10 students (Year 11 in 2027). Please note this is a non-compulsory trip taking place in the Easter holidays and staff give their time freely.

### **Payment Details**

To secure a place, please pay online, via Scopay, a deposit of £150 by **Thursday 30 April 2026**.

### **Payment schedule:**

- Deposit: £150 by 30 April 2026
- Second payment: £250 by 1 June 2026
- Third payment: £300 by 10 July 2026
- Fourth payment: £300 by 30 September 2026
- Final balance: £563 by 30 November 2026

If a student withdraws, the deposit will be retained until a replacement is found or costs are recovered through insurance.

Students are expected to participate fully in all activities and engage positively with the experience, including meals provided. Vegetarian and other dietary requirements can be accommodated.

Yours sincerely

*R McVey*

**Mrs R McVey**  
**Head of Geography**

*The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the School will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.*