



Dear Parents and Carers

29 April 2024

Iceland Trip: October 2024

As part of our ongoing dedication to our students' learning, the Geography Department is arranging a trip to Iceland. The trip will be offered to our current year 8 geography students who are interested in studying GCSE geography and year 9 students who have opted for GCSE geography.

Iceland is a fantastic destination for all students. It is home to the best geographical landscapes in the world. A visit here will prove to be an exciting and enriching experience for all who attend. Not only will it help to broaden students' knowledge-base and provide a great case study for upcoming GCSE studies, but it will also develop students' independence, confidence, and resilience.

The trip will take place between Wednesday 15 and Saturday 18 October 2025. If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please complete this [FORM](#) by Wednesday 20 May 2024. Places are limited to 30 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and dependent on good behaviour across the school. Further details of the trip will be sent to those who express an interest.

The cost will be £1,200, which includes coach travel from the College to Gatwick Airport and back, insurance, flights, accommodation, all meals whilst in Iceland, and all activities including a visit to the Volcano Exhibition and a trek on a Glacier. This cost also includes a contingency for any changes to flight prices closer the time and so this is the maximum we are expecting it to be. Should the price change, we will reduce the cost accordingly or refund any over payments. We also recommend you also budget £5 - £10 per day for spending money.

We do not wish any student to be disadvantaged and, therefore, should you have difficulty in paying for this trip, please contact us immediately to see if we are able to help. To secure a place on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of £300 should be paid via Arbor Payments by Wednesday 20 May 2024. The balance of £900 can be paid in the instalments below and must be paid by 20 May 2025:

£180 - due 30 Sept 2024
£180 - due 30 Nov 2024

£180 - due 30 Jan 2025
£180 - due 30 Mar 2025

£180 - due 30 May 2025

Unfortunately, should you need to cancel the trip for any reason, you will still be liable for the full cost unless another student is able to take your child's place.

The trip will be organised by Discover the World Education (DTWE), an award-winning school tour operator, who are experts in arranging learning experiences for school groups. They will be on hand to make the trip as memorable as possible for our students. DTWE are both ABTA and ATOL bonded and are a member of the School Travel Forum. This means that we have financial protection, and they have been externally verified for safety standards. They also provide a 24-hour emergency service for the College during the tour.

If you have any queries regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at epavey@stcatherines.college

Yours faithfully

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