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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Iceland Study Tour

The Geography Department are delighted to be able to offer students currently in Year 10 and Year 12 an exciting opportunity to take part in an enrichment trip to Iceland in October 2019. The trip will take place during the half term holiday and consist of a 5 day, 4 night trip.

This trip offers students a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit a unique country, that will generate a real sense of awe and wonder. The itinerary will be of particular interest to current Geography students as it is closely linked to topics students study at both GCSE and A-level, in particular the role of tectonic processes in shaping the environment and impacting on the lives of people. The tour will offer students a number of unique experiences which will bring their classroom learning to life. Highlights will include standing at the boundary of two tectonic plates, seeing a range of tectonic and glacial features and processes in action, an opportunity to bathe in the famous Blue Lagoon thermal waters and a stay in the Icelandic countryside, to maximise their chances of seeing the Northern Lights. Students will also see for themselves the impact of the Eyjafjallajökull eruption and how the country harnesses the power of this energy to power their homes and industries. Based on the past feedback from students, the tour will also include a glacial hike, to really immerse the students in this amazing landscape.

Date of trip: **Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2019**

The provisional itinerary is as follows:

- Day 1: Fly to Keflavik-Reykjavik City Tour – Overnight Reykjavik
- Day 2: Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station – Seljalansfoss – Skogar – Solheimajokull Glacier Walk – Overnight Vik
- Day 3: Vik – Reynishverfi – LAVA centre – Hveragerdi – Overnight Hveragerdi area
- Day 4: Kerid – Gufoss – Geysir – Efsti Dalur – Thingvellir – Overnight Reykjavik
- Day 5: Blue Lagoon – Reykjanes Peninsula – Fly to UK

The flight details are as follows:

- Iceland air flight FI451 – 28 October 2019 departing 12:20, arriving Keflavik Airport 15:30
- Iceland air flight FI454 – 1 November 2019 departing 16:30, arriving Heathrow Airport 19:30

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£1,100.00**, with the final amount to be confirmed.

The price of the trip includes the following:

- Return flights from Heathrow with Icelandair
- Hold luggage for all passengers
- Optional activities – Blue Lagoon, Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station, Glacier Walk, LAVA centre
- Professional local guide for all but the first and last day
- Accommodation in the countryside to optimise your itinerary and activities
- Option to eat out in selected restaurants in central Reykjavik (subject to availability)
- Students in multi-bedded rooms with bed linen and possible shared facilities
- Full board – breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal (no lunch on day 1)
- All transfers within Iceland
- Airline Passenger Duty (APD). Students under 16 years old will be refunded approximately £13
- Peace of mind with companies unique Travel Disruption Charter, protecting your group should the unexpected happen
- Financial Security fully bonded with ABTA & ATOL license

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**The price does not include food on the outward journey. The students will be covered at no extra cost by the school insurance policy.**

Please be advised that, as part of our organisation of this trip, it will be necessary for us to provide personal and sensitive data of students. From past experience this normally includes the following;

- Full Name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Passport number, date of issue and expiry
- Nationality
- Place of birth
- Medical and/or dietary information

The trip is being organised by **Discover the World**, our chosen UK tour operator who specialise in student trips and tailor-made holidays to Iceland and beyond. For your peace of mind they are a leading UK travel company and recognised experts in travel to Iceland. They are accredited by the School Travel Forum, an initiative set up to promote best practice and educational travel. The School Travel Forum companies must provide comprehensive safety management standards and operate within the restrictions of a stringent DEFS Code of Practice. Discover the World has also been awarded the Quality Badge for Learning Outside the Classroom. If you would like more information about Discover the World please visit their website [www.discover-the-world.co.uk](http://www.discover-the-world.co.uk).

In order to complete our booking an initial deposit of **£100.00** per student is required immediately, as this is the charge required by the airline. A payment of **£175.00** will be required by Thursday 31 January 2019, followed by three payments of £275.00 that will be due Friday 29 March, Friday 24 May and the final payment required by Thursday 24 July 2019. If once your child's place has been confirmed, you wish to discuss an alternative payment plan, please contact the college finance office directly.

Please be aware that once your child's place is secured, deposits will be non-refundable. As this is an enrichment trip, in returning the permission slip and deposit you are agreeing to pay the full balance. If your child is unable to accompany the trip at a later date, monies can only be returned if a replacement student is found.

If you would like your son/daughter to join this trip, would you please arrange for a non-refundable deposit of **£100.00** to be made using our preferred payment method of ParentMail and return the consent slip below, ensuring both payment and consent slip reach us no later than **Wednesday 21 November 2018**. Alternatively payment can be made by cheque or cash. The trip is limited to 30 students, and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Your deposit will be returned if your child is not successful in securing a place.

A copy of your son's/daughter's medical form will be carried by the Trip Organiser on the trip. May I take this opportunity to remind you to inform the College of any changes to your son's/daughter's medical information, including contact with infectious diseases within the 7 days prior to departure, by completing a blank medical form which can be found on our website at [www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk) under Parents/College Documents/Medical Form.

If you have any questions please contact the Trip Organiser, Mrs. Ewings by emailing [jeh@sta.cc](mailto:jeh@sta.cc).

Yours sincerely



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**David Forster**  
Headmaster

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To: Reception by Wednesday 21 November 2018

Trip Organiser: Mrs Ewings

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I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the trip as detailed above. I enclose the £100.00 non-refundable deposit/I have paid the deposit by ParentMail (*please delete as appropriate*). Please make cheques payable to St Augustine's Catholic College.

Name of student as it appears on passport: .....

Passport Number: ..... Form: .....

Consent for trip, signed: ..... Date: .....

Contact telephone number: .....