



Woodrush High School

An Academy for Students Aged 11-18

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Iceland Trip – GCSE and A-Level Geography – February 2024

Geography students in KS4 and KS5 have an exciting opportunity to visit Iceland and experience many of the natural wonders this country has to offer. Students **must** be studying geography during the 2023-24 academic year to attend. The visit is designed to give students an opportunity to enrich and reinforce their geographical knowledge and understanding, including case study information that can be used in examinations. There is a full programme of unique educational visits and experiences with the opportunity for relaxation in the evenings. A brief overview of the itinerary can be found below.

We are provisionally flying from London on the morning of **Friday 23rd February 2024** and returning on **Monday 26th February 2024**.

The visit will include:

- Guided South Shore Adventure Tour – including Skogarfoss and Seljandsfoss waterfalls, Basalt Coloums at Reynisdrangure Beach
- Guided Golden Circle Tour including Kerið Crater, Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir and Pingvellir National Park
- Fly Over Iceland Experience
- Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Plant
- LAVA Volcano and Earthquake Centre
- Secret Lagoon

The provisional cost of the trip will be £830 per person which includes all transport within the UK and Iceland, flights, tour guides, accommodation, food and all activities mentioned above. All meals are provided (excluding breakfast on the first day and evening meal on the final day). The students will be provided with a packed lunch whilst out each day, but it is recommended that they bring a small amount of spending money for any snacks, gifts or alternative food they wish to purchase.

We have chosen to book our trip through Halsbury Travel, a specialist school tour operator with over 30 years' experience. Halsbury Travel are fully bonded by ABTA and all of their air tours are ATOL protected. They are also members of the School Travel Forum and have been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge. For more information on Halsbury Travel, please visit www.halsbury.com

We currently have 40 places available for this trip. If there is significant interest and uptake for this visit, we hope to be able to offer extra places to accommodate all students who would like to attend. If you would like your child to attend this trip, to confirm their place a £275.00 (non-refundable) deposit is payable via ParentPay by **17th May 2023**. A second (non-refundable) payment of £277.00 will be due by 14th July 2023 and the remaining balance of £278.00 must be paid by December 2023. Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to

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view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you've activated your account you can make online payments straight away. If you need details to activate your account please email Parentpay@woodrush.org. If you are unable to pay online please contact the Finance Office at Woodrush High School to make arrangements to pay via PayPoint.

As a result of additional funding direct from government, students in receipt of Free School Meals, Pupil Premium students or students in receipt of the 16-19 bursary are eligible for a contribution towards the cost of this trip of £100 which will be automatically deducted on ParentPay.

There will be an information evening held for parents and students in early May (prior to the initial deposit deadline) where there will be an opportunity to find out more and to ask any questions.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cooke via email at mcooke@woodrush.org.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Barber
Headteacher