



17th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Geography trip to Iceland

In April 2023 the Geography department will be running a 4-day trip to Iceland. Iceland is a fantastic country in which to learn about geography outside of the classroom. We will be focusing on tectonics in particular; this is a topic which is covered in some depth in the GCSE syllabus.

A list of what is included can be found below:

Full board accommodation at the Hotel Ork: <https://hotelork.is/en/>

Golden Circle Day

South Shore Day

Visit to Reykjavik (depending on flight times)

Entrance to The Secret Lagoon <http://secretlagoon.is/> (a cheaper alternative to the Blue Lagoon but just as breath taking)

2 x Full Day Icelandic Guide

Visit to Hellisheidi Power Plant

One piece of checked-in hold luggage per person each way

Travel Insurance

All transportation

By booking early we have managed to obtain a competitive price for the trip, despite significant price rises since we last went (Iceland is an expensive country to visit!). We will be departing on **Thursday 20th April 2023 and returning Sunday 23rd April 2023**. The cost of the trip is **£927** and includes all transfers (to and from the airport), flights, full board accommodation for 3 nights and full guided tours. Apart from a small amount of money (543 Icelandic Krona (approximately £3.50 to cover entrance to the Kerid Volcano) there is no other money required.

If your son/daughter would like to come on the Iceland trip a deposit of **£100** (non-refundable unless the trip cannot go ahead) is required. This will enable us to secure the best prices, before they increase. Please could you confirm your interest for the trip by paying the initial deposit on WisePay by Wednesday 25th May. There are **40** spaces available, the trip will be filled on a **first come first served basis**.

I will be in touch after this date to confirm your child's place on this trip and to advise you of further payments that need to be made. Nearer the time there will also be a meeting to discuss issues surrounding travel abroad.

It is worth noting that the Hotel Ork has its own geothermally heated swimming pool. The swimming pool does not have a life guard. We therefore ask you to confirm (by paying the deposit) that your son/daughter can swim 25 meters unaided. When students use the facilities teachers will be on duty at all times.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the college telephone number above or by email: ehill@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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