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Dear parents and carers,

A significant part of the Edexcel Geography A level course requires students to study tectonic and glacial processes and landforms. Visiting a volcanic and glaciated landscape helps a student understand the physical landforms that occur in these environments. Iceland is on the mid Atlantic rift and with glaciers, hot springs, geysers, active volcanoes, ice caps, tundra, snow-capped peaks, lava deserts, waterfalls and active volcanic craters; it is a Geographer's paradise.

We would like to offer an enrichment opportunity for students to visit Iceland from the Tuesday 22th to Friday 25th March 2022. Iceland has always traditionally been a very expensive country to visit, but with low cost airlines now flying there, and a huge increase in popularity, Iceland has become a little more accessible. After quite a lot of investigating and negotiating, I have decided to go with a company called Rayburn, who have been organising geography trips for over 50 years. They were very competitive in terms of price and offered an extra day sightseeing rather than staying in Reykjavik for two days.

The itinerary we have agreed is as follows:

Day 1	Luton flight-Iceland (departing 07:45). Coach tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula visiting the Bridge between two continents, Stampar crater, Gunnhver hot springs, Reykjanes lighthouse, Stora Eldborg and the Krysuvik mud puddles
Day 2	Full day Golden Circle Tour: Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, Great Geysir Geothermal Park, Kerid Crater and the Secret lagoon – swimming in an open geothermal lake – visiting a geothermal power station
Day 3	Full day South Shore tour: Views of Hekla and Eyjafjallajokull, visit Skogarfoss waterfall, Seljandsfoss waterfall, Vik, Dyrholaey Volcanic Arch and black basalt beaches as well as completing a 2.5 hour glacial hike on the Solheimajokull glacier (with equipment and qualified guides).
Day 4*	Time to see Reykjavik including the new Perlan Centre- an interactive attraction examining glaciers, the Cathedral and tower with fantastic views, waterfront and shopping area before departing for the airport with flights back to the UK (departing 19:30)

The trip uses EasyJet flights from Luton airport with an early morning departure on day one and a late evening flight back on day 4, therefore giving us four full days in Iceland. Other flight operators are not only more expensive, but they would not give us as much time in Iceland.

The group would also save money by staying in the countryside in the Hjardarbol Guesthouse (or similar) in multi-bedded rooms with en-suites. The tour includes full board (breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal). We will have a coach that handles all the transfers to and from the

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airport in Iceland, and all of our excursions. It also includes fully comprehensive travel insurance and medical assistance service, and all flight and airport taxes.

The total cost of the educational visit is £795. This includes coach transfers by coach in England to and from Luton airport and insurance. The price of the trip is based on 20 students going on the visit. If we were to take 25 students or more, then the overall cost would be reduced.

The flights are not on hold, and as they are live, we need to book these as soon as possible, otherwise we might not be able to secure them at the price I have budgeted for. Rayburn have asked for an initial non-refundable deposit of £225 to be in by Tuesday 23rd November 2021. A second payment of £466 will need to be in by Wednesday 5th January 2022, and a final payment of £104 by Tuesday 8th March 2022.

Our preferred payment method is now online, via ParentPay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at www.parentpay.com. Please contact The Finance Office if you need a ParentPay password or assistance. All trip payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (Cash and cheques will also be accepted). Please be aware that you are making a financial commitment for the full cost of the trip.

Please can I ask that the initial non-refundable deposit payment is in by Tuesday 23rd November 2021 so that flights can be confirmed. Students will need to provide their full names as they would appear on a passport. If they do not have a passport, then they will need to apply for one ASAP. I do appreciate that this is a very tight deadline, but want to take advantage of the best flights

Please be aware that the entire educational visit may have to be re-scheduled due to Covid-19. If cancelled or curtailed due to Covid-19 our cancellation cover will support refunds.

In the event that your child is unable to participate due to covid-19, our cancellation cover and refunds require evidence of a positive PCR test or evidence of trying to obtain the PCR test results (e.g. dated/timed telephone calls and/or emails).

Refunds WILL be available if on departure:

- Your child has a positive PCR
- Your child is required to isolate by NHS Test and Trace
- Your child has Covid-19 symptoms and awaiting a PCR test result

Refunds are NOT available if on departure:

- Your child is under the age of 18 years and 6 months and has been identified as a close contact
- Your child is fully vaccinated and has been identified as a close contact

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Taylor
Head of Geography

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REPLY SLIP – A LEVEL VISIT TO ICELAND 22nd MARCH TO 25th MARCH 2022

I/we give permission for **(Student's Name in full, as it would appear on a passport)**

..... Tutor Group
to go on the educational visit to Iceland from Tuesday 22nd – 25th March 2022.

I enclose a first deposit of £225 to be paid as the initial non-refundable deposit (payable by 23rd November 2021)

Paid by ParentPay Paid by cash/cheque (please ✓ as appropriate)

I/we also acknowledge that the students will be travelling by air and that insurance and all airport taxes have been included.

Contact no Medical Issues Yes No

If yes, school will contact you.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date.....

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SLIP TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER