



February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Awe and Wonder Trip to Iceland - 27 to 30 March 2021**

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in the Awe and Wonder Trip to Iceland that we have organised for Easter 2021, and I am writing to give you further details of this exciting opportunity. The trip will be open to students currently in Year 9 and Year 11 who are interested primarily in Geography at GCSE or A-level.

Destination: **Two nights in Hella and one night in Reykjavik**  
Date: **27 - 30 March 2021 (Easter Holiday)**  
Estimated Cost: **Approximately £750 - £850 (subject to numbers and flight costs)**

### **Sample Draft Itinerary**

Day 1 – Arrive in Iceland at 11.00am – Travel to Reykjanes Peninsula – Perlan Observation Deck and Wonders of Iceland Exhibition - Hellisheidi Power Station – Overnight Hella

Day 2 – The Lava Centre – Seljalandsfoss – Skogafoss – Glacier Walk on Solheimajokull – Reynishverfi – Dyhrolaey – Overnight Hella

Day 3 – Secret Lagoon – Gullfoss - Strokkur geysir – Thingvellir– Reykjavik Tour – Overnight Reykjavik City Hostel

Day 4 – Transfer to airport – depart Iceland mid-morning for return flight to Luton

### **Cost includes:**

- Return coach transfer from school to UK airport
- Return flights from Luton airport
- Return coach transfer from Keflavík airport in Iceland to Hella
- Entrance fees and local expert or local trained teacher guide
- Daily transfer to resort (where applicable)
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Airport Duties
- Full board - breakfast and dinner at the accommodation plus packed lunches (apart from outbound day)
- 3 nights board and accommodation - two nights in rural Hella (log cabins) and one night in Reykjavik (City Youth Hostel)
- Refundable contingency fund

**Extras not included:**

- Drinks, snacks and souvenirs
- Lunch on outbound day

As a school, we are committed to offering our students exciting extra-curricular opportunities to extend their learning but also believe that we should approach our overseas trips in a way that is mindful of our ecological footprint. The return flights to Iceland will produce an estimated 0.59 tonnes of carbon per student. Our aim would be for students to have a clear understanding of the impacts of international travel but also will propose a variety of ways students will be able to work towards offsetting this amount of carbon. This will include the option of a carbon-offsetting scheme but will also include activities which do not have a cost implication.

If the trip goes ahead, parents/carers will be expected to make a non-refundable deposit payment of £300 (payable in two separate payments: £150 by Monday 30 March and £150 by Friday 1 May).

If this trip is still of interest to your son/daughter, please complete the online form by Friday 6 March, via this link: <https://forms.gle/bkVbcJhMGS2MBTkj9>. If sufficient interest is shown, and the trip becomes viable, you will be invited to attend a parents' information evening where further details will be presented. Please note that numbers are limited and therefore completion of the online form does not guarantee your son/daughter a place on this trip.

Yours sincerely

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