

10th June 2026

GELH-Geography-Iceland 2027

Dear Parent/carer,

**Your Geography Tour to Iceland, 26th – 30th July 2027**

Following our hugely successful trip to Iceland this year, we are delighted to announce that the Geography department will be running another trip to Iceland exclusively for Yr10 Geography GCSE students in the next academic year. The trip will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to experience Geography first-hand, supporting their classroom learning and bringing Geography to life.

The trip is being organised by Travelbound, an award-winning school trips travel company with over 30 years' experience. They are fully ABTA, ATOL, FTO, STF and LOTC accredited. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.travelbound.co.uk/>

We have initially reserved 57 places on the trip.

The trip is not compulsory and is not required to complete the GCSE Geography Course. It will serve as an enriching experience that brings to life the theory that is learned in the classroom.

**Please see below for further details.**

	<b>Proposed Tour Details</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	26th – 30th July 2027
<b>Tour Inclusions:</b>	Return flights to Iceland 4 nights' accommodation: <a href="https://hotelork.is/en/">https://hotelork.is/en/</a> Meals on a full board basis Resort coaching Programme of activities and excursions to complement the Geography requirements (more information below) Comprehensive insurance
<b>Estimated cost based on 57 pupils. (Price may vary depending on uptake).</b>	£1350.00 per person (15 & under)
<b>Payments and due dates:</b>	1st Deposit £200.00 per person to confirm booking  More information to follow after the parent information evening on Tuesday 16th June.

<b>Travel requirements:</b>	<p>All pupils require a current passport Please ensure passport is valid for six months after date of return.</p> <p>Non-EU passport holders may require a visa to enter Iceland and you should check on the Iceland country's government website to see whether this is applicable for your child.</p> <p>Passport applications: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports">https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports</a></p>
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### Tour excursions:

We will visit some of the most spectacular destinations Iceland has to offer, all of which connect to our GCSE curriculum:

- The Secret Lagoon
- The Lava Centre: <https://lavacentre.is/>
- Fridheimar Tomato Greenhouse – included lunch (tomato soup) <https://fridheimar.is/en/>
- Golden Circle – Thingvellir National Park to experience tectonic plate boundaries, Geysir Geo-thermal area and Gullfoss waterfall.
- South Coast – Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls, visit Dryholaey coastal features and Reynisfjara black sand beach and basalt columns, the town of Vik.
- Reykjanes Peninsula – Fagradalsfjall lava flow at Natthagi Valley, Bridge Between Continents, Gunnhver Hot Springs, time in the city of Reykjavik.
- Whale watching
- Exploring lava tunnels.

### Parent information evening

The Geography department will host an information evening for parents on Tuesday 16th June at 5:30pm in the St Johns Theatre to provide further trip details and answer any questions.

### Confirming your place on the trip

Students can confirm their place after the parent information evening on Tuesday 16th June. This will done via parentpay. All information presented during the information evening will also be communicated via letter/email shortly after the event. In the event we are oversubscribed, students will be selected based on effort, attendance, and behaviour. Students not selected will be refunded and added to a reserve list.

We very much hope that your child will be able to take part in this fantastic experience. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr Edwards** by emailing [gedwards@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:gedwards@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr Edwards

**Head of Geography**

