

September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Study Tour to Iceland

We are delighted to offer students a very exciting opportunity. In October half term 2019 Northampton School *for Boys* will be embarking on an overseas field trip to Iceland. The trip is open to current Year 12 students and would be of special interest to Geography students, although all are welcome on the trip. There will be a guide accompanying the students to provide specific support and advice about the geographical features.

The 5 day trip running from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019 will be organised by Discover the World Education, our chosen UK tour operator who specialise in student trips and tailor-made holidays to Iceland and beyond. They are a leading UK travel company and are accredited members of the School Travel Forum, a Department for Children, Schools and Families initiative that recognises good practice in the field of educational visits, especially with regard to health and safety. They have also been awarded the Quality badge by Learning Outside the Classroom which recognises the commitment to the benefits of educational travel, whilst ensuring strict safety standards are met at all times. If you would like more information about Discover the World Education, please visit their website: www.discover-education.co.uk

Itinerary

During the trip we will visit some of the most spectacular landscapes in the world: incredible waterfalls, volcanic craters, lava fields, glaciers, geysers and the site where the European and American plates are pulling the landscape apart. We will also see amazing basalt lava columns in caves by the sea, spectacular gorges, thermal swimming pools, the Secret Lagoon and more. Please see the proposed itinerary below:

- Reykjanes Peninsula
- Bridge between Continents
- Stampar Craters
- Gunnuhver Hot Springs
- Lava cave
- Seljalandsfoss waterfall
- Skógafoss waterfall
- Sólheimajökull glacier
- Vík
- Reynishverfi beach
- Gluggafoss waterfall
- Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Station
- Krysuvík Mud Puddles
- Hveragerði (lava field/hot springs)
- Ljosbra Stone and Mineral Museum
- Ljosafoss HEP Station
- Secret Lagoon
- Thingvellir National Park
- Geysir Geothermal Area
- Gullfoss Waterfall
- Reykjavík

The cost of the trip will be £1130. Please note, this may change due to the number of students travelling or fluctuating exchange rates. Once flights are reserved after the October payment, the price will remain fixed.

The price is currently based on 20 students wishing to participate and includes: transfers to and from Heathrow or Gatwick airport; return flights; all transport in Iceland; a five day programme of excursions and activities; accommodation; breakfast, lunch and dinner each day; guides and fees for all daytime activities and excursions.

In order to book the tour we need a **non-refundable** deposit of £150 by Friday 28th September 2018 followed by a second payment of £150 by Friday 19th October 2018.

We then suggest that the payment plan below is followed:

- £100 by Friday 16th November 2018
- £100 by Friday 18th January 2019
- £100 by Friday 15th February 2019
- £100 by Friday 15th March 2019
- £110 by Friday 12th April 2019
- £110 by Friday 10th May 2019
- £110 by Friday 7th June 2019
- £100 by Friday 5th July 2019 – **Final payment must be made**

If you would like your son or daughter to attend, then please complete and return the reply slip below and enclose a non-refundable deposit of **£150 by no later than Friday 28th September 2018**. Please make your initial payment by ParentPay or cheque made out to Northampton School *for Boys* (with name, form and 'Iceland 2019' on the reverse) and take/send to **The Finance Office**. We recommend you do this as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Subsequent payments should then be made by Parent Pay via the school website. In the event of more than 20 students wanting to participate, priority will be given to students studying Geography, then allocated on a random basis.

Please note that if a student is withdrawn from the trip for medical reasons, then a doctor's/hospital letter will be required confirming this. If a student decides to withdraw from the trip after committing to it, then you will also be liable for the full cost unless a replacement can be found. Once numbers are confirmed, an evening for parents and students will be arranged.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Edwards (Trip Leader)



Reply Slip to the Finance Office - by Friday 28th September 2018

I/We* give permission for Name: _____ Form _____

to take part in the trip to Iceland during October half-term 2019. I/We* am/are* aware the trip cost is approximately **£1130** and I/we* am/are* liable for the full cost of the trip.

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150 by cheque / £150 by ParentPay (Please delete)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)