

2 March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Study Tour to Iceland**

We are delighted to offer students a very exciting opportunity. In October half term 2017 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 geographers although all are welcome.

The 5 day trip running from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October will be organised by Rayburn Tours, our chosen UK tour operator who specialise in student trips and tailor-made holidays to Iceland and beyond. For your peace of mind they are a leading UK travel company. They are accredited by the School Travel Forum, an initiative set up to promote best practice and educational travel. The School Travel Forum companies must provide comprehensive safety management standards and operate within the restrictions of a stringent DEFS Code of Practice. Rayburn Tours has also been awarded the Quality Badge for Learning outside the Classroom. If you would like more information about Rayburn Tours please visit their website [www.rayburntours.com](http://www.rayburntours.com).

### **Itinerary**

During the trip we will visit some of the most spectacular landscapes in the world that now feature in many Hollywood blockbusters. We will visit 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, Secret Lagoon and more.

I will be organizing and supervising the trip.

**The approximate cost of the trip will be £995.** This may change due to reasons including exchange rates and number of students travelling.

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

It does not include lunch each day which will be purchased on the road by the students and any evening activities such as swimming in geothermally heated pools.

In order to book the tour we need deposit payments as follows:

- A non-returnable deposit of £125 by Friday 10th **March**
- £180 by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- £180 by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017
- £180 by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- £180 by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017
- £150 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – **Final Payment**

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 **£125 by no later than Friday 10th March 2017**. Please make your initial payment by cheque made out to Northampton School for Boys (with name, form and 'Iceland 2017' on the reverse) and take/send to **The Finance Office**. We recommend you return this as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Subsequent payments can then be made by Parent Pay via the school website or by cheque.

Please note that if a student is withdrawn from the trip for medical reasons, then a doctor/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 at which further details will be discussed.

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

Yours faithfully



Mr T. Barfoot  
Teacher of Geography

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**Reply Slip to the Finance Office - by Friday 10th March 2017**

I/We\* give permission for Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

to take part in the trip to Iceland during October half-term 2017. I/We\* am/are\* aware the trip cost is approximately **£995** and I/we\* am/are\* liable for the full cost of the trip.

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £125 to secure a place on the trip.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_