

ECD/tp

23 November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Iceland Trip – Friday 20 - Monday 23 October 2023

We are delighted to be offering year 9 GCSE Geography students the opportunity to travel to Iceland. The trip will be four days and three nights during the October Half Term Holidays.

When we are in Iceland we will go on a number of excursions such as swimming in the Blue Lagoon, visiting Thingvellir where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet, visiting the most southerly point of Iceland, walking behind a waterfall at Seljalandsfoss, going on a glacier hike at Solheimajökull and if the conditions are right looking out for the Northern Lights.

In order for the trip to proceed we will need to take a deposit from you to secure your child's place on this trip. **There are 40 places available.** In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated you will be informed and any monies received will be returned.

The total cost is £1050. Prices may change slightly subject to the airlines taxes and availability. Our price is based on the following:

- Return flights and airport transfers both in the UK and in Iceland.
- 3 night's accommodation, including breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the trip.
- All excursions including trips and entrance fees.
- Trip hoody.

Please note that students **must be in receipt** of a current passport which has 6 months until expiry.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your son/daughter to attend this trip. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend please complete the online Parentpay consent form accompanied by a payment of £150.00 by Thursday 8 December 2022.

If they are successful in gaining a place on the visit, **the deposit and any other monies that we have paid out for your son/daughter are non-refundable.** There will then be six monthly payments of £150 from January 2023 through to July 2023.

We hope that all students who wish to participate will be able to do so, however, any students who are not allocated places will receive a refund of their deposit and their name will be put on

a waiting list, and could be given the opportunity to travel should any places become available at a later date.

Information Evening - Advance warning! To provide more information about the trip there will be an information evening on **Tuesday 18 July 2023 in the Main Hall from 5:00pm**. This will give you the opportunity to meet the members of staff leading the trip and learn more about the trip to help you with any preparations. There will be a kit list released shortly to allow for further preparations to be made.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team therefore reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

Should you wish to find out more information in the meantime please contact e.dixon@wildern.org

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we are thrilled to be able to offer this experience.

Yours sincerely

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