



November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Iceland 2019

As a result of our numerous successful field trips to Iceland in previous years, the Geography Department have decided to organise another visit in October 2019.

On this fascinating island, students would have the opportunity to stand on the boundary between the North American and Eurasian Plates, study volcanic landscapes, watch active geysers, bathe in hot sulphur pools, observe glaciers, walk behind waterfalls, recognise erosive coastal features and much more.

This is a unique experience that we are offering the opportunity to GCSE and A Level Geography students first, as this will help to enrich their geographical knowledge.

The details are as follows - the trip is organised by 'Discover the World'

Dates: 23rd – 26th October 2019

Cost: £950.00 which includes:

- flight by Icelandair from Heathrow to Reykjavik
- full board at a field centre or equivalent
- the services of field experts in Iceland

We **must** take a minimum of **40 students**. If you would like your daughter/son to go on this trip, then **please pay the deposit of £100 and complete the online consent survey** (link in WisePay) by **Friday 23rd November** (apologies for the very short turnaround – unfortunately it is the only way that we are able to secure the flights at a good price). We will be unable to accept deposits after this date. If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to allocate places and a waiting list opened. **Only those who have paid the deposit and completed the online consent will be entered into the ballot.** If we are in receipt of Pupil Premium for your daughter/son then please contact Mrs Hopkins to discuss your options.

If your daughter/son is successful in this ballot, you will then make 5 monthly payments of £170 by the 18th January, February, March, April, with the final balance due by 18th May 2019. If your daughter/son is not successful your deposit will be returned to you. If your daughter/son has been allocated a place and subsequently withdraws, the deposit will be non-refundable due to airline administration costs, and the remaining monies paid will only be refunded to you if we are able to replace her/him with someone from the waiting list. This is due to the cost being based on 40 students travelling. Obviously, your daughter/son will need to be a Holt School student next academic year to take advantage of this opportunity.

Payment for the trip needs to be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

In cases of severe financial hardship please contact Ms Royle, Assistant Head teacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



Tom Marrison
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