



# Chenderit School

## A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Our ref: CA/ Geography/Iceland/ejt/ejp

Dear Parents and Carers

A significant part of the Edexcel Geography A level course requires students to study tectonic processes and landforms and glacial processes and landforms. Visiting a volcanic and glaciated landscape certainly helps a student understand the processes that are active in these environments and the landforms that they produce. Iceland is on the mid Atlantic rift and with glaciers, hot springs, geysers, active volcanoes, ice caps, tundra, snow-capped peaks, lava deserts, waterfalls and active volcanic craters; it is a Geographer's paradise.

We would like to offer an enrichment opportunity for students to visit Iceland from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Iceland has always traditionally been a very expensive country to visit, but with a fall in the pound, and a huge increase in popularity, Iceland continues to be expensive. After quite a lot of investigating and negotiating, I have decided to go with a company called Rayburn, who have been organising geography trips for over 50 years. They were very competitive in terms of price and offered an extra day sightseeing rather than staying in Reykjavik for two days.

The itinerary we have agreed is as follows:

Day 1	Luton flight-Iceland (departing 07:45, arriving in Iceland 11.00). Coach tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula visiting the Bridge between two continents, Stampar crater, Gunnhver hot springs, Reykjanes lighthouse, Stora Eldborg and the Krysuvik mud puddles
Day 2	Full day Golden Circle Tour: Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, Great Geysir Geothermal Park, Kerid Crater and the Secret lagoon – swimming in a geothermal lake
Day 3	Full day South Shore tour: Views of Hekla and Eyjafjallajokull, visit Skogarfoss waterfall, Seljandsfoss waterfall, Vik, Dyrholaey Volcanic Arch and black basalt beaches as well as completing a glacial hike on the Solheimajokull glacier.
Day 4*	Time to see Reykjavik including the new Perlan Centre- an interactive attraction examining glaciers, the Cathedral and tower with fantastic views, waterfront and shopping area before departing for the airport with flights back to the UK (departing 20:30, arriving in Luton 23:30)

The trip uses EasyJet flights from Luton airport with an early morning departure on day one and a late evening flight back on day 4, therefore giving us four full days in Iceland. Other flight operators are not only more expensive, but they would not give us as much time in Iceland.

The group would also save money by staying out of Reykjavik and in the countryside in the Hjardarbol Guesthouse (or similar) in multi-bedded rooms with en-suites. The tour includes full board (breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal). We will have a coach that handles all the transfers to and from the airport in Iceland, and all of our excursions. It also includes fully comprehensive travel insurance and medical assistance service, and all flight and airport taxes.

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The total cost of the educational visit is £874. However, I have also added on the cost of getting us to and from the airport with Cheney Coaches. This is coming up at an extra £39 each, taking the overall cost to £913. I will endeavour to try and find a cheaper solution of getting to and from the airport, but because of our early start and late arrival, this may be difficult.

The flights are not on hold, and as they are live, we need to book these as soon as possible, otherwise we might not be able to secure them. Rayburn have asked for an initial non-refundable deposit of £250 to be in by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. A second deposit of £110 will need to be in by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, a further payment of £490 to be in by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, and the final payment of £63 to be in by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

For students to be able to participate in educational visits, school organised events or school related activities good student behaviour is of paramount importance. If a student presents regular poor behaviours in school and/or we consider that the student presents a significant, unmanageable or unacceptable risk to the health, safety and/or welfare of themselves or others on the educational visit, including the adult leaders, the student is unlikely to be able to participate.

Our preferred payment method is now online, via Parentpay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Please contact The Finance Office if you need a Parentpay password or assistance. All trip payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (Cash and cheques will also be accepted). Please be aware that you are making a financial commitment for the full cost of the trip.

Please can I ask that the initial non-refundable deposit payment is in by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 so that flights can be confirmed. I do appreciate that this is a very tight deadline, but want to take advantage of the best flights

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Taylor  
Head of Geography

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**REPLY SLIP – A LEVEL VISIT TO ICELAND 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH TO SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2019**

I/we give permission for (**Student's Name in full, as it would appear on a passport**)

..... Tutor Group .....  
to go on the educational visit to Iceland from the 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

I enclose a first deposit of £250 to be paid as the initial non-refundable deposit (payable by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

Paid by Parentpay  Paid by cash/cheque  (*please ✓ as appropriate*)

I/we also acknowledge that the students will be travelling by air and that insurance and all airport taxes have been included.

Contact no ..... Medical Issues Yes  No

If yes, school will contact you.

Signed ..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SLIP TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**