



Dear Parent / Guardian

**Geography trip to Iceland:** Start of the Easter holidays 2023 (dates to be confirmed dependent on flight availability, likely to be 31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April).

We are delighted to announce that the Geography department will be running a trip to Iceland. The trip will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to experience Geography first-hand, supporting their classroom learning and bringing the Geography to life. The trip is open to *any* student in the current years 8, 9 and 10. Priority will be given to those year 10 students who are currently studying the Geography GCSE course.

The trip is being organised by specialist group tour operator Rayburn Tours who have been operating educational trips for schools since 1965. Rayburn Tours is ABTA bonded and ATOL protected, as well as being accredited by 'Learning Outside the Classroom and the School Travel Forum'.

	Proposed Tour Details
Dates:	Easter 2023 (dates to be confirmed dependent on flight availability) – likely to be 31 <sup>st</sup> March – 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Tour Inclusions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return flights to Iceland</li> <li>• Return coach to Manchester airport</li> <li>• 4 nights' accommodation</li> <li>• Meals on a full board basis</li> <li>• Use of a coach during the duration of the trip</li> <li>• Programme of activities and excursions to complement the Geography requirements - very likely to include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Golden Circle Day</i> (Thingvellir National Park, Geysir Geothermal Area, Gullfoss)</li> <li><i>South Coast Day</i> (Seljalandsfoss, Skogafoss, Solheimajokull – glacier, Dryholaey coastal features, Town of Vik, Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach)</li> <li><i>Free time in Reykjavik</i></li> <li><i>Reykjanes Peninsular</i> (Bridge across a fissure, Gunnhver hot springs, Krysuvik mud puddles, Reykjanes lighthouse)</li> <li><i>Interactive Lava Center exhibition</i></li> <li><i>Secret lagoon natural geo thermal swimming experience</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dedicated Field Study Tutor throughout the trip</li> <li>• Comprehensive Endsleigh Travel Insurance</li> </ul>
Estimated cost	£990
Payments and due dates:	Initial deposit of £150 Second payment of £50.00 due 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 Third payment of £100.00 due 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 Fourth payment of £100 due 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 Fifth payment of £200 due 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022 Sixth payment of £150 due 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 Final balance due 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

To confirm your child's interest for the trip, please give parental permission using the school Gateway and make a deposit payment of £150 by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. All payments must be made via the Gateway: we cannot accept cash. If the trip does not run due to insufficient interest the deposits will be returned. If the trip is over-subscribed we will let you know if your child has been successful or not in gaining a place. If unsuccessful, your deposit will be returned.

We will be holding an information evening to provide further trip details and answer any questions nearer the time of the trip.

We very much hope that your child will be able to take part in this fantastic experience. If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs V L Dooley** by emailing [vicki.dooley@macclesfieldacademy.org](mailto:vicki.dooley@macclesfieldacademy.org)

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dooley

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