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Iceland Trip – 17th – 21st October 2013(5 days)

Dear Parents,

The Geography department is delighted to inform you about a proposed tour to Iceland in 2013. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience a unique landscape. This trip is being offered only to current GCSE and AS Level students. Whilst it is not a compulsory part of either of these two courses it will certainly extend the knowledge and understanding of units taught and will enhance students' awareness of what is a quite unique environment. The country offers an opportunity to see, at first hand, an amazing array of geographical landforms and landscapes.

Students will see amazing scenery such as giant geysers, huge glaciers, lava fields, massive waterfalls, and natural hot springs. Visits will be made to the exposed mid-Atlantic oceanic ridge where the North American and European tectonic plates are splitting apart; the incredible rainbow waterfall of Gullfoss as part of the Golden Circle tour; the explosive outbursts of the Strokkur Geysir; the therapeutic hot spring of the Blue Lagoon where all can enjoy bathing in this giant outdoor hot tub; and the glaciers of the Thorsmork valley area including the damage created by the Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption in 2010. This is just a taste of some of what is being offered!

After a detailed comparison of different tour operators, we have chosen to work with Casterbridge Tours, which is a company with a proven track record and a Queen's Award for Enterprise. Casterbridge also offers a fully all inclusive programme with no hidden costs.

The dates for the tour are Thursday 17th 2013 (departs 13:00)– Monday 21st October 2013(flight lands 20:10). The cost of the trip will be approximately £930 - £965(this approximation allows for an increase due to fuel surcharges and changes in exchange rates) and is inclusive of full board accommodation for 4 nights, 3 of which are in superior quality log cabins, international flights, return travel to and from airport, excursions and insurance. The only additional expense would be spending money. Please note that as this is an optional visit, full payment is compulsory and the School will not be able to provide any financial assistance.

If you decide you would like your son/daughter to reserve a place on this exciting overseas tour, then please provide a deposit payment of £93 to reserve your place by Friday 30th November 2012 using the reply slip provided at the bottom of this letter. Further mailings

will inform you of future payments to be made by instalments. There is no 'first come, first served' arrangement, we will try and accommodate as many as possible. In the event of the visit being over-subscribed, students will be randomly selected and given the opportunity to withdraw if they so wish. In this situation deposits will be returned to those not on the final list.

We can promise and assure you that this will be a "ONCE IN A LIFETIME" trip that will be full of amazing experiences and sights to the unique and wonderful land of "Fire & Ice"

Please do contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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ICELAND TRIP October 2013

STUDENT NAME: _____ FORM: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Iceland Trip in October 2013.
I enclose the initial deposit of £93 as a cheque/ I have paid the initial deposit of £93 online.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this reply slip to the School Finance Office by Friday 30th November 2013

A deposit of £93 has been paid and I / we understand that this is non-returnable (unless the trip is oversubscribed or not booked). I / we understand that the balance will be paid by instalments (details to follow).