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Dear parents and carers

**Geography and Science Faculties: Trip to Iceland 13-17 February 2024**  
**PE Faculty: Trip to Italy (Skiing) 22-29 March 2024**

The Geography and Science faculties are proposing to take a residential school trip to Iceland from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and the PE faculty are proposing a ski trip from the 22<sup>nd</sup> –29<sup>th</sup> March 2024. These trips are open to students in the current Year 8, 9 and 10 with priority being given to Year 10 and then Year 9 as this will be their only opportunity, whereas Year 8 are likely to be offered the opportunity of additional 'big trips' later in their school life.

We are aware that these type of trips are very much a luxury given the current cost of living crisis. **It is therefore our intention that students who are interested should only opt to go on one of these trips.** This will only change if there are extra spaces and a trip is in danger of being undersubscribed and thus cancelled, without extending the offer of places further.

Please note all students will need to have their own valid passport with 6 months remaining from end of trip and a valid GHIC card.

### Iceland

The cost of the Iceland trip will be £1200 all-inclusive for 5 days. It will take in the famous geological sites including the Geysir area, Gullfoss, Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss Waterfalls, Thingvellir National Park and Solheimajokull Glacier. There will be a glacial hike, a trip to the lava show in Vik and to the secret lagoon as well as the Lava Centre and Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant.

The weather during February in Iceland is extremely cold and students will need to have suitable warm clothes as well as sturdy footwear, such as walking boots and ice clips. Some of the itinerary may therefore have to be adapted to the weather conditions.

**For the Iceland trip please complete this reply slip on google forms <https://forms.gle/j8ojDFYDs4BH9smS7> and pay an initial non-refundable £125 deposit by January 18th which can be paid through Parent Pay.** This can then be followed by a second non- refundable deposit of £110 by March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the remaining will all then need to be paid by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



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## **Ski Trip to Italy**

The cost of the ski trip will be £1084 which includes all transport (overnight coach to and from resort), ski insurance, all equipment hire, 5 days skiing with 5 hours instruction per day, lift pass, a ski hoodie and full board once we reach the hotel. The ski company running the trip is Equity Ski who are very experienced and we have used them successfully before.

The resort of Passo Tonale is set on the Presena Glacier, and has an excellent snow record being of one of Italy's highest resorts, with an expansive lift network and a wide range of runs for all abilities. The trip also offers a variety of evening activities, both in the hotel and resort e.g. a pizza night, crepe night, a disco and bowling which are all included within the cost of the trip.

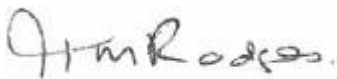
**For the ski trip please complete the reply slip on Google forms <https://forms.gle/bEaX5DmCNqXaRNCW6> and pay an initial, non-refundable £100 deposit by January 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 which can be paid through Parent Pay. This can then be followed by a second non-refundable deposit of £200 by March 13<sup>th</sup> 2023. A third deposit of £100 is required by April 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 and the balance will then need to be paid by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

In the past these trips have been well subscribed and we have limited places. If any trip is oversubscribed, then the Senior Leadership Team will pull names at random out of a hat. As with all school trips, students' behaviour and attendance will be expected to be excellent in order to take part and students may be removed from the trip at any time should either of these factors fail to reach the required standard, and in which case no monies already paid will be refunded. Similarly, if a student wishes to withdraw from the trip for any reason, no monies already paid will be refunded, unless we can fill the place.

Parents and carers with students in receipt of the Free School Meal premium, may apply for financial help for the ICELAND trip, which as a Curriculum Trip is eligible for such support. There is no financial support for the ski trip.

For further information, please contact Mrs Rodgers (Iceland) or Mrs Bebbington (skiing) on [admin@gvsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@gvsc.org.uk)

Yours faithfully



Mrs Rodgers  
Head of Humanities



Mrs Bebbington  
Teacher of Ethics