

24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 and Year 8 students

**Y9 and Y8 Geography and Science proposed trip to Iceland February 2025**

The large number of students who applied to go to Iceland in February 2024 trip has overwhelmed us. As a result, we will only be taking current Year 10.

However, I am delighted to say that we have arranged a second trip for the same price for the Year 9 and Year 8 students who applied to ensure they do not miss out on the opportunity but this will be the following year in February 2025, when they are in Year 11 and Year 10.

**I am therefore writing to you to offer your child - as part of current Year 8 and Year 9 - the opportunity to also go on the trip.** With two years now to pay for it, I am hoping that it might be a viable option for parents. We need a minimum number of students to make the trip economically feasible but if we are oversubscribed again, then SLT will choose names at random, although the students in Year 8 and 9 who signed up for the 2024 trip will be given priority.

Please see below for a taster of the activities the trip will involve – as you can see, it is a very full itinerary:

- Hotel Ork accommodation
- Krysuvik Mud Puddles
- Secret Lagoon and Friðheimar Tomato Greenhouse
- Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir Geothermal area, Thingvellir National Park
- Seljalandsfoss and Gluggafoss Waterfall and visit Sólheimajökull Glacier for a hike
- Reynishverfi Beach and visit the town of Vik, excursion to the Icelandic Lava Show, then on to visit Skógafoss Waterfall,
- Lava Centre and Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant
- Reykjavik Hallgrímskirkja church and time in town
- Reykjanes Peninsular (Bridge in-between Continents, Gunnhver Hot Springs, Stampar Crater and The Reykjanes lighthouse)
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There may even be a chance of seeing the Northern Lights but obviously this – and all the other excursions - will all be weather and availability permitting

The total cost of the trip will be £1200, which has been kept at the same price as the 2024 trip.

**The initial deposit of £125 will be required by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 followed by a further £110 deposit on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** The remaining balance will need to be paid by **29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

Please be aware that we expect a good standard of behaviour and/or attendance on the run up to the trip and we reserve the right to withdraw students from it if we feel these expectations are not being met. No monies already paid will be refunded. If you decide to withdraw your child from the trip at any point, then again, no money already paid will be refunded.

If you would like your child to go on the Iceland 2025 trip, please:

1. complete the Google Classroom form <https://forms.gle/upwaHtB7PHYd3coR9>
2. pay the initial deposit on Parent Pay.

NB. Both of these steps need to be completed to register your interest.

Please contact me at [admin@gvsc.org](mailto:admin@gvsc.org) if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs H Rodgers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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Head of Humanities