



October 2023

Dear Parents

### Geography Visit to Iceland Easter 2025

Students currently in Years 7 and 8 have an exciting opportunity to attend a 5-day residential visit to Iceland from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Iceland is a fantastic place to visit, due to its abundant natural features such as icecaps and glaciers, hot springs and geysers, volcanoes, lava flows, ash deserts, thundering waterfalls and stunning coastlines. Its varied geography makes fieldwork in this environment come alive, with pupils able to experience new landscapes and features.

As part of the geography course, pupils will be studying tectonic hazards, waterfalls, management of tourism and issues linked to climate change and energy, all of which we will be able to investigate whilst in Iceland.

Travel to and from the airport, flights and coach transport around Iceland during the visit is all included in the cost. Departure and arrival times will be confirmed closer to the date of the visit once these have been booked by the travel company Rayburn Tours. Accommodation will be provided by the Hotel Ork, Hveragerdi on a full board basis with a breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal provided each day.

The cost of this trip will be approximately £1300 per student depending on the numbers that wish to attend, with a maximum of 40 space available. We will confirm the exact price, once flight costs and the exchange rate we are working too have been confirmed by the travel company.

Initial deposits of £125 will be due by 2/11/2023 then a payment of £100 will be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month from January 2024 **until** November 2024 with a **final** payment of £75 due on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

If you would like your child to participate in this visit, please complete the Microsoft Form by clicking the link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zz3XjXy17EC3-HVbUS2fe45hiBw2tGxCjG7niw1sGg5UQVo3VEk2N1ZIUDZIMTQ5UFVSNzJQNTMwNi4u>

This needs to be completed by 20/10/23, as this will confirm your request for them to attend. We reserve the right to refuse the place based on your child's behaviour record. You and your child will receive confirmation once numbers have been confirmed and then formal consent will be sought through Evolve and payment through MCAS (see our trips section on the website for details on how to use MCAS).

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Places on this trip are limited due to the facilitator requirements. In order to make the process fair places will be allocated on a first come first served basis using the time stamp on the Microsoft form. Should your child be unsuccessful on this occasion they will be prioritised at the next appropriate opportunity.

Kind regards,  
Mrs K Robinson  
Teacher of Geography

Provisional Itinerary:

Monday 7th April	Depart from Oasis Academy Sholing early morning to fly from Heathrow or Gatwick Airport.  Travel along the Reykjanes Peninsular including – Bridge between continents. Stamper craters, Gunnuhver hot springs and the Reykjanes lighthouse.
Tuesday 6th April	Morning - Visit to the Secret Lagoon geothermal swimming pool  Afternoon -Golden Circle visit, including Thingvellir National Park, Geysir Geothermal Area and Gullfoss waterfall
Wednesday 7th April	Morning - South Coast Day - View the impressive Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss falls and walk to the spout of the Sólheimajökull Glacier.  Afternoon - Travel to the southern coast to view the Dryholaey coastal features, the town of Vik and Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach  Evening - Swimming at the hotel
Thursday 8th April	Morning - Ferry for a day visit to Heimaey Island including walking tour of Eldfell Vulcano Swimming in a local pool  Afternoon - Eldheimar Museum
Friday 9th April	Depending on flight timings - Transfer to the airport for the return flight home  If a later flight time is arranged a trip to Reykjavik will be included.  Evening – Return to Oasis Academy Sholing.

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