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Dear Parent/Carer

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Geography fieldtrip opportunity to Iceland Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th April 2019

As part of providing an enriching educational experience at A Level, the Geography Department are organising a fieldtrip to Iceland in 2019. This follows the success of the 2013, 2015 and 2017 Iceland trips. There are spaces for 32 students and the fieldtrip is aimed at students who will be studying Geography in Year 12 and 13. The fieldtrip will be run by *Discover the World* – the largest tour operator to Iceland with over 30 years of experience specialising in high quality educational visits. Iceland is a country of tremendous contrasts, with its volcanic landscape, geothermal activity, waterfalls and glaciers providing an inspiring experience.

The trip will be tailored to the students going, but here is an example of the activities that we could follow:

- Day 1 (Wednesday 10th April 2019) – leave Fulford early in the morning – Ingleby's coach to Manchester Airport – fly to Keflavik Airport - Blue Lagoon geothermal pool – Reykjavik.



- Day 2 – Hellisheidi geothermal power station – Seljandsfoss waterfall – Skogar waterfall – Solheimajokull glacier walk – stay overnight in Vik



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- Day 3 - Myrdalssandur – Laufskalavarda – Eldhraun – Fjardargljufur – Jokulsarlon – Kviarjokull - Svinafellsjokull – Skaftafell National Park – Skeidararjokull – Dverghamrar – Kirkjugolf – Stay overnight in Vik



- Day 4 - Reynishverfi – Eyjafjallajokull Visitors Centre - Reykjadalur Valley Hike – Hveragerdi – overnight Farm Hotel Vatnsholt



- Day 5 - Fridheimar - Secret Lagoon (bathe in a geothermal pool) - Geysir – Gullfoss (impressive waterfall / gorge) - Efsti-Dalur - Thingvellir – stay overnight Reykjavik



- Day 6 - Early morning transfer – Fly to Manchester – coach to Fulford.

The fieldtrip combines specific educational objectives that are linked to the A Level syllabus with outdoor leisure activities. Links with the syllabus for Physical Geography include plate tectonics theory, a case study of a volcanic eruption (causes, effects and management), benefits of volcanic activity, geothermal energy, river processes and coastal landforms. Links with the syllabus for Human Geography include Changing Places, tourism and geopolitical issues. Further to the specific links to the A Level syllabus, the fieldtrip aims to broaden students' understanding of wider geographical issues and to be inspired by a country of amazing landscapes. Furthermore, such an experience should develop students' transferable skills such as team work, individual responsibility, leadership and financial planning.

The accommodation includes good quality youth hostels / hotels, where students will be expected to bring their own sleeping bag. A filling breakfast and evening meal will also be provided. There should be an opportunity for students to buy their own lunch during each day.

The Geography Department has been to Iceland many times in the past and we realise what an awe inspiring experience visiting Iceland is. *Discover the World* are first class providers of educational experiences and have a comprehensive Safety Management System, they are accredited members of the School Travel Forum, they have a Quality Badge from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and they have excellent feedback from other schools too. An experienced tour guide will accompany our group for most of the activities and provides lots of educational input. Please see the website for further details. <http://www.discover-the-world.co.uk/en/>

The cost of the trip is estimated to be around £1150. The final figure will be confirmed once all details are known for example the price of the flights and specific excursions. If you would like your son / daughter to take part in this fieldtrip. Then please complete the attached form and send a deposit of £75 (cheques payable to *Fulford School Fund*) to the School Office by **Monday 5th March**. All students have access to our extra-curricular activities and reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure each student's full inclusion in this trip. Please contact Mr Bodey, Deputy Headteacher, if you think that this may be needed for your child. It is planned that there will be 16 students from Year 12 and 16 from Year 13, giving 32 in total. If there are more applicants than places then a selection process will take place. Any unsuccessful students will get their deposit back. If your son / daughter secures a place on the trip, then a second payment will be due in May and the final balance will be due in the autumn of 2018.

Yours faithfully

Mr P. Hickling
Curriculum Leader for Geography

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I give permission for my son / daughter _____ (name)
_____ (year & form) to attend the Geography fieldtrip to Iceland in April 2019. I enclose a
deposit of £75.

Signed: _____ Date: _____