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Dear Parent/Guardian

Geography Department Field Trip to Iceland **Sunday 7th – Friday 12th April 2013**

We are pleased to announce our intention to take a field trip to Iceland in the Easter holidays 2013. This will be an educational visit, which will form part of our enrichment programme and is the third time that our Geography Department has taken a residential trip to Iceland. We regard it as an excellent opportunity for our students to experience life in a very different Physical Geography environment to the UK and hope that the challenges that the week provides will spur them on to considerable achievements. The trip's staffing will be 5 staff for 40 students, which is the maximum we can take in some of the accommodation we are staying in.

The trip is being offered to all GCSE Geographers in Years 9 – 11. Students currently in Year 8 will be in Year 9 by Easter 2013 hence our reason for this offer a year early. In advertising our field trip so early we are enabling parents to pay over 13 full months rather than the 6 months if offered in the relevant curricular year.

The provisional itinerary takes the group to northern Iceland to explore the topics of River environments, Glaciation and Tectonics, which are three of the six topics in Unit 1: Dynamic Planet, which will be sat by GCSE students at the end of the two year course in June of Year 11. The schedule is as follows:

Day 1 – Arrive at Keflavik airport. Tour the Hvammstangi Region by coach on the drive northwards

Day 2 - Akureyri – Godafoss - Lake Myvatn

Day 3 - Lake Myvatn - Namaskard - Krafla - Leirhnukur – Nature Baths

Day 4 - Husavik - Tjornes Coast - Asbyrgi - Dettifoss - Lake Myvatn

Day 5 - Oxnadalur - Glaumbaer - Borgarfjordur district - Reykjavik

Day 6 – Whale watching (optional) – Reykjavik - Home

We are travelling with Discover-the-World, who have an outstanding reputation in the Geographic Community. They are endorsed as a Learning Outside the Classroom (LOTC) company and are ATOL and ABTA affiliated. Discover-the-World only uses accommodation, excursions and transport with all the necessary **insurance and safety certificates** and suppliers who have **passed the necessary audits**. On their trips, health and safety issues are of paramount importance. To that end there is a full and comprehensive **Safety Management System**.

The Hotels we use are Hotel Gauksmyri, Hotel Varmahlid, Hotel Sel Myvatn and then Hotel Cabin in Reykjavik. You can access details of the company we will be travelling with and the accommodation for all 5 nights via the weblinks below:

<http://www.discover-the-world.co.uk/school/trip/en/destinations/iceland/>

http://www.holidaycheck.com/hotel-travel+information_Hotel+Gauksmyri-hid_112127.html

http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Hotel_Review-g608873-d531408-Reviews-Hotel_Varmahlid-Glaumbaer.html

<http://www.hotelcabin.is/>

<http://www.visiticeland.com/Accommodation/View/sel-hotel-myvatn--lake-myvatn>

Costs:

The total cost of the trip is £850. The price includes: return flights from London Heathrow with Icelandair, accommodation with bed linen and private facilities, full board – breakfast, packed lunch and evening meals, taxes & charges, all transportation within Iceland, airport transfers from Idsall, comprehensive travel insurance and pre-trip planning with Discover-The-World's expert advice. A whale watching trip is an optional extra and will be discussed at the final meeting in the Spring Term before the trip.

To reserve a place on this trip, a deposit of £200.00 per student is required by Monday 30th January 2012. A further £100.00 is due 4 weeks later on Monday 27th February 2012. The remainder of the money is required to be paid by Friday 11th January 2013. **Please note that any cheques will not be cashed before trip confirmation has taken place.**

An initial Parental Briefing will take place on Tuesday 10th January at 6pm in the Lecture Theatre. We are fortunate to be able to provide an initial information evening, which will be attended by Lorraine Silvester from Discover-the-World who will be able to answer any questions about the specific tour, country and Health and Safety procedures.

If you wish your son/daughter to go on the Iceland field trip, please complete the attached reply slip and forward it with a cheque for the sum of £200.00 to Mrs Shimmons in the Finance Office by Monday 30th January 2012. **Deposits will be accepted the morning after the trip briefing.** Cheques should be made payable to Idsall School Fund

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



pp Miss J Hollins

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Trip Briefing and must be returned to: Mrs
Shimmons, in the Finance Office**

GCSE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

ICELAND 2013

I give permission for my son/daughter (please print name)

_____ of _____ (Tutor Group) to take part in the

Residential Trip as outlined in the trip letter attached costing £850.00

I/we enclose £200.00 deposit (**Cheques made payable to Idsall School Fund**)

I/we will pay the 2nd payment of £100.00 by Monday 27th February 2012 and will
pay the remaining balance of £550.00 by Friday 11th January 2013.

Signed..... parent/guardian

School use:

	Date
Reply slip received	
First deposit received	
Allocated a place	
Reserve list	

Iceland 2013

- Parental Briefing

Please ensure that this slip is returned to Mrs Shimmons in the Finance Office by Friday 6th January 2012

Students Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I/We will be attending the briefing on Tuesday 10th January 2012 and will require _____ seats.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian