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Dear Parent/Carer

In 2016 the Geography department will be running an 8-day trip to Iceland with the objective of experiencing one of the most geographically spectacular locations on the planet. We will see volcanoes and geysers, walk on glaciers and relax in the famous Blue Lagoon. This trip is entirely extracurricular and is open to all students in the sixth form (not just those taking geography).

The trip will be lead by myself and Mr Johnson and we will be accompanied at all times in the country by an expert female guide. The trip will run at the beginning of the summer holidays, with the dates to be confirmed when 2016 flight details are released.

The group will explore Iceland's unique cultural heritage and embark on some challenging hiking in Iceland's varied and spectacular countryside. The trip will include walking behind waterfalls, strolling through Reykjavik's downtown and fishing harbour, visiting Vatnajökull (Europe's largest glacier) and walking in the highlands on a world famous trail. The trip will also include exploration of Iceland's geothermal springs, geysers and mud pools, culminating in a relaxing afternoon at the Blue Lagoon.

The trip is open to all students who will be year 12 and 13 in 2016 (currently year 11 and 12) and will cost a maximum of £1850. This includes all of the following:

- Private English speaking guide and private coach
- 3 nights in Reykjavik hotels
- 4 nights in countryside hotels
- 3 meals every day
- 3 hour glacier hiking in Skaftafell
- A boat ride between the icebergs at Vatnajökull
- Entrance fee for the Blue Lagoon resort

It might be that the cost of the trip reduces once the flight details have been released, or if more than 20 people sign up for the trip.

Students will need very little spending money as all meals and elements of the itinerary are included in the price. They will, however, need sufficient to buy drinks and snacks during the trip.

The name of the company we will travel with is 'Club Europe Educational Tours'. Please feel free to explore their website and credentials, to get in touch with them directly or to get back to me with any questions you have.

Iceland is an expensive location to visit but we would not be offering the trip if we did not believe this to be an exceptional opportunity to visit one of the safest, most varied, unique, and awe-inspiring locations on Earth. We will be more than happy to help with fund-raising ideas and to facilitate successful fund-raising in any way possible so that as many people as want to can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.





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The deadline for applications and deposits of £250 is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015. We need a group size of 20 to run the trip and deposits will not be processed until we are sure the trip will run. **Once we have committed to running the trip and deposits are processed these are non-refundable.**

Payments should be made either via the school's online payment system or via cheque payable to Sackville School, accompanied by the reply slip below delivered directly to the finance department or to myself (Mr Robinson).

In order to provide more information on the itinerary of the trip and to help answer any questions that you might have, I will be running a parents' information evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in my teaching room (C06). If you are unable to attend this information evening I am always happy to answer any questions that you might have; the best way to contact me is via e-mail: nrobinson23@wsgfl.org.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this trip.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Robinson  
**Curriculum Leader of Geography**

To: Finance office

Name of student ..... Form .....

I give permission for my child to attend the trip to Iceland in the summer of 2016.

I have forwarded a deposit of £250 via the online payment system/I enclose a cheque (made payable to Sackville School) for the deposit of £250 (please delete as appropriate).

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date .....

