

## **OLCC Geography visit to Iceland 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer

We have an exciting opportunity at Our Lady's Catholic College to be able to organise a 'once in a lifetime' trip to Iceland, and your son/daughter has been invited to attend this trip as a year 8, 9 or 10 pupil to instil their passion for geography and the environment.

This trip provides a rare opportunity to take your son/daughter on thrilling Icelandic geography visits and bear witness to rare phenomena, from dramatic volcanic lunar landscapes and spouting geysers, to diverging plates, glaciers, and outwash plains. They will also be able to observe the ongoing impact of glaciation and vulcanicity: icefields, waterfalls geothermal pools and unfortunately climate change.

The cost of the trip will be approximately (but should not exceed) £870 as long as a minimum of 30 pupils are interested. This provisional figure is dependent upon flight prices when they are released. It will include a comprehensive package of trips as follows:

- Golden Circle Day
- Swimming at The Secret Lagoon
- South Shore Day
- Visit to Reykjavik
- Visit to Hellisheidi Power Plant
- Glacier Walk on Solheimajokull
- Visit to the Northern Lights Centre

It will also cover the services of a Field Studies Guide and coach whilst in Iceland, half-board accommodation, travel insurance, flights and transfers.

If you would like your child to attend this trip please return the attached permission slip with a deposit of £125 by the 1<sup>st</sup> February and a further payment of £120 by the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The remaining payment will be required by the end of November 2020. Should the trip run this deposit will only be refundable if a pupil can be found to take your child's place. Please consider the cost and all elements of the trip before saying yes as pupils dropping out can have an additional cost implication on the other pupils or cause the whole trip to be cancelled. A payment plan can then be set up to spread the cost over the remaining months should you require one

There is a maximum of 40 places and a minimum of 30 places and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We unfortunately have no flexibility in adding further places. If there are less than 30 pupils interested then the trip will have to be cancelled and deposits will be returned. Please note that if your child misbehaves at any point during the visit to Iceland we will need to be able to contact you with the expectation that you will organise and pay for their return journey home. The place on the trip is also dependent on good behaviour in school and the trip organisers reserve the right to withdraw places from pupils who do not adhere to school behaviour policy before the trip leaves in February 2021.

There is also a trip for Year 8 pupils (current year 7 )in March/April 2021 to France, which is a cheaper cost so please bare this in mind if you sign up to join this trip. Pupils can attend if both they wish but I wanted to make you aware of cost differences.

As it is winter in Iceland in February and day temperatures are around -3C please also consider the additional cost of purchasing a ski jacket or good mountain walking coat and walking boots if you do not already have them.

Should you wish for your child to attend the trip please complete the attached permission slip and enclose the deposit by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Places will not be secured without a deposit. Cheques can be made payable to OLCC.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs Bland*  
Trip Leader

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I wish for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in form \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the OLCC Geography visit to Iceland 2021 on the 9<sup>th</sup>-12th of February 2021.

I understand that should my child behave poorly on the trip I would be expected to pay for their return from Iceland and should they behave poorly in school that their place could be withdrawn

I have enclosed a deposit for £125 and understand that a full payment will be due by November of 2020

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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