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Sutton Grammar School in Iceland October Half Term 2016

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Dear Parents,

The Geography Department will once again be running an exciting trip for up to 50 students to Iceland for 4 nights during October Half Term 2016 (which is expected to run from Wednesday 26th - Sunday 30th October 2016). The trip is designed to complement Key Stage 3, GCSE and A-Level Geography but is open to all students (in current years 8-12). Priority will be given to GCSE and A-Level Geography students, if the number of places on the trip is exceeded by demand.

Iceland is a truly remarkable country, formed by a unique combination of fire, ice and water, which has created an astonishing landscape of glaciers, waterfalls, geothermal springs and volcanoes. It is also home to friendly, welcoming people, proud of their culture and Viking heritage. This trip is an opportunity for students to experience something really special and to see sights that will live long in the memory.

We will be able to confirm the itinerary for the trip once we know exactly how many boys are interested. However, a sample itinerary from 2014, similar to that which we will follow, is displayed on the attached page.

The **estimated all-inclusive cost** of this trip is **£840**; however I am currently unable to provide the exact date of departure or the final cost of the trip, as this is dependent on the number of students and availability of flights (which have not been released yet). I can assure you that I will endeavour to keep the cost as close to this figure as is feasibly possible. Flights (with WOW Air) are expected to depart from Gatwick to Reykjavik (Keflavik Airport) at approx 12.30 BST whichever day we depart. The return flights, four days later, will arrive back at Gatwick at approx 19.00 BST. Students will be expected to meet at Gatwick on the day of departure to keep costs to a minimum.

If your son would like to go on this trip, please supply a copy of his current passport (even if it will have expired before the Feb 2017 requirement) to the school office along with payment of £100 deposit on ParentPay by **Thursday 22nd October at the latest**. Please note that payment of a deposit does not necessarily guarantee a place on this trip, as we are limited to 50 students. Deposits may only be refunded if students are not accepted on to the trip due to oversubscription, or if there are people on a waiting list to replace them, should students change their mind about going.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ray Pletts

Head of Geography

If you wish to learn more about Iceland and the places we intend to visit, please visit the travel company website below. We will be using the local company Discover the World (based in Banstead), who are the World leaders in providing school trips to Iceland and led our 2010, 2012 and 2014 trips there.

<https://www.discover-the-world.co.uk/study-trips/iceland>

