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19 October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Iceland Trip – Friday 25 to Monday 28 October 2024

We are delighted to be offering year 9 GCSE Geography students the opportunity to travel to Iceland. The trip will be four days and three nights during October Half Term Holiday. When we are in Iceland we will go on a number of excursions such as swimming in the Blue Lagoon, visiting Thingvellir where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet, visiting the most southerly point of Iceland, walking behind a waterfall at Seljalandsfoss, going on a glacier hike at Solheimajökull and if the conditions are right looking out for the Northern Lights.

The total cost will be £1275.00. Prices may change slightly subject to the airlines taxes and availability.

Our price is based on the following:

- Return flights and airport transfers both in the UK and in Iceland.
- 3 night's accommodation, including breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the trip.
- All excursions including trips and entrance fees.
- Trip hoody.

Please note that students must be in receipt of a current passport which has 6 months until expiry.

There are 40 places available on this trip. We hope that all students who wish to participate will be able to do so. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay consent section accompanied by a non-refundable deposit payment of £127.50 by Friday 10 November 2023.

Medical information will be asked for once places are confirmed.

There will then be nine further monthly payments of £127.50 due the end of the month in December 2023 through to August 2024.

If they are successful in gaining a place on the visit, the deposit and any other monies that we have paid out for your child are non-refundable.

Information Evening

Advance warning! To provide more information about the trip there will be an information evening on **Wednesday 4 September 2024 in the Main Hall from 5.00pm**. This will give you the opportunity to meet the members of staff leading the trip and learn more about the trip to help you with any preparations. There will be a kit list released shortly to allow for further preparations to be made.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

Should you wish to find out more information in the meantime please contact e.dixon@wildern.org. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we are thrilled to be able to offer this experience.

Yours sincerely

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