

**Headteacher:** Mr D. Whales | **Chair of Governors:** Mr A. Brown

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to invite students to take part in a highly engaging educational visit to Iceland. This trip has been carefully planned to offer students a unique opportunity to experience Iceland's dramatic landscapes first-hand, including volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls and geothermal features.

The visit has been organised in partnership with Izzy Tours, specialists in school trips to Iceland, and will be fully supervised by experienced Ken Stimpson Academy staff alongside a fully qualified Icelandic guide throughout the visit.

## Trip Overview

**Destination:** Iceland

**Dates:** Thursday 18 February – Sunday 21 February 2027

### Travel:

- Outbound flight from London Luton with EasyJet 06:00am
- Return flight from Keflavík Airport to London Heathrow with Icelandair 07:35am arriving back at Heathrow at 10:50am. KSA return approximately 2:00pm (TBC)

**Accommodation:** 3-star (or better) hotels, including **Hotel Ork** and **Lighthouse Inn**

**Supervision:** KSA staff and a fully qualified Icelandic Tourist Association guide

## Provisional Itinerary

Day 1 – Thursday 18 February 2027

- Early morning departure from London Luton Airport (Transport will start from KSA at approximately 02:00am)
- Arrival at Keflavík Airport, Iceland
- Drive through Grindavík, viewing cooling lava from the 2023–2025 eruptions
- Guided visit to the Raufarhólshellir Lava Tunnel
- Travel to Reykjavík, the world's most northerly capital city
- City tour and free time
- Experiences including FlyOver Iceland and the <https://icelandiclavashow.com>
- Evening meal in Grindavík
- Overnight stay at Hotel Ork

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### Day 2 – Friday 19 February 2027

- Travel along Iceland’s stunning South Coast
- Visits to Seljalandsfoss Waterfall and Skogafoss
- Visit the retreating Sólheimajökull glacier and walk on the Glacier with Icelandic Adventure Company using crampons and ice picks
- Coast at Dyrhólaey and Vik woollen mill for shopping if time
- Dinner at Gróðurhúsið Food Hall
- Evening swim in a heated outdoor pool with lifeguard supervision
- Overnight stay at Hotel Ork

### Day 3 – Saturday 20 February 2027

- Full Golden Circle Tour, including:
- On to the Golden Circle Tour stopping at:
- Laugaras Lagoon Geothermal Spa
- Gullfoss – awesome fault-guided waterfall and walk beside its gorge
- Geysir & Strokkur
- Þingvellir National Park - rifting between American & Eurasian plates
- Meet the Icelandic Search and Rescue Team including dinner of Stonebaked Pizza with the team
- On to Lighthouse Inn
- Evening walk to the coast to watch for the Northern Lights

### Day 4 – Sunday 21 February 2027

- Early breakfast and transfer to the airport
- Return flight from Keflavík Airport
- Arrival at London Heathrow mid-morning (10:50am)

A final, detailed itinerary (including confirmed flight times and behaviour expectations) will be shared closer to departure.

### Cost and Payment Information

The total cost of the trip will be **£1,380**, which includes flights, accommodation, meals, transport within Iceland, guided activities, and entrance fees.

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To secure a place, an initial **non-refundable deposit of £250** is required, payable by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.

**All payments are non-refundable**, unless the school decides that the trip cannot run due to insufficient numbers.

Once places have been confirmed, a **payment plan for the remaining balance** will be issued, outlining instalment amounts and payment deadlines.

### **Eligibility and Places**

This trip is open to students currently in **Years 8–12**. Please note that this is not a Geography specific trip and there is no need for students be studying Geography at KS4/KS5.

There are **24 places available**, which will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to receipt of the deposit and adherence to KSA behaviour expectations.

Students currently in **Year 11** may apply and secure a provisional place; however, their place will only be fully confirmed once they have successfully enrolled in KSA post-16 provision.

### **Further Information**

Once the trip is confirmed all parents will receive:

- A packing and clothing list
- Behaviour and attendance expectations
- Medical and consent forms

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in enabling us to offer such enriching opportunities to our students.

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Risk level	Description of activities
Low Risk	Local trip, routinely occurs, limited travel, no adventurous activities, within school hours, good levels of supervision.
Medium Risk	Some adventurous activities included, more extensive travel, higher levels of potential interaction with members of the public, extended hours, good levels of supervision.
High Risk	Adventurous activities, residential, extensive travel/abroad, extended trip length, involves activities interacting with water, minimal or lack of supervision (Duke of Edinburgh Scheme/Secondary School only)

This trip is considered a **High risk trip** but will be supervised with the correctly qualified instructors where necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Tarjanyi  
Trip Leader