

6 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Residential trip to Iceland July 2024

We are delighted to be able to offer students in Years 12 and 13, the opportunity to participate in a residential expedition to Iceland in July 2024. Exact dates will be confirmed in due course once we have confirmation of student numbers and flight schedules, but we are working towards 12 July 2024 as a departure date.

We are currently liaising with Discover the World Education, a reputable company we have used on previous Iceland Residentials. We are costing the trip based on four nights and five days. At present, the approximate cost we have been quoted, based on numbers, is £1600 per student. If we have more students, the cost should reduce. This current cost *is* an approximation, so although we cannot guarantee the final cost of the trip until we confirm final numbers, we will aim to keep costs below £1600 and we will work closely with Discover The World to keep costs within the margins. The total cost of the trip will include coach transport from school, return flights, insurance, accommodation with full board, all transportation within Iceland, and a professional guide. The cost also includes a variety of daily educational excursions to locations such as:

- **Gunnhver Hot Springs**
- **Sólheimajökull Glacier (Glacier Walk)**
- **Blue Lagoon**
- **Golden Circle Tour**
- **Hveragerði Geothermal Centre**
- **Reykjavík City**
- **Island of Heimaey (Puffins)**
- **Eldfell Volcano**
- **Reynisfjara Beach**
- **...and more.**

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this residential trip, please can you pay a **deposit of £300 by Monday 11 December 2023** to confirm your place. This will allow us to secure flights and accommodation. **Once you have paid the £300 deposit, you are committing to payment of the full amount; no refunds can be made once we have booked places.** Further payments will be collected in January, March and April 2024. The payment schedule is as follows

2nd Instalment	£430	Due 31 January 2024
3rd Instalment	£430	Due 1 March 2024
4th Instalment	£440	Due 1 April 2024

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. The trip will be available on ParentPay from **Monday 11 December at 9am**. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date

emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student. If the trip is oversubscribed, PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, and the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or office@kovessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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