

LLS/avt  
17 November 2016

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4737 - Optional Residential Overseas Trip Out of School Time  
To Iceland from 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Years 10 and 12 (Named Students Only)**

Throughout the GCSE and A Level geography courses students study the topic of Tectonic Hazards. The geography department are organising an exciting enrichment trip to give students first-hand experience of the content associated with this aspect of the courses. Students will travel to Iceland where they will have the opportunity to enrich their knowledge of these topic areas beyond the classroom environment.

The four day excursion will involve students studying the physical geography of plate tectonics and the impact of tectonic hazards in Iceland. They will also get to see glacial formation and movement in first-hand experience. The cost of the trip is £820.20 which covers transport to the UK airport, return flights to Iceland, full board accommodation in a hotel, entrance fees, activities and insurance. A more detailed itinerary of the trip is detailed below (please note that the timing of activities will be weather dependant, and so are subject to deviation from itinerary. However, our guides are very experienced in altering plans quickly to suit the weather, to make maximum use of our time there)

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Afternoon flight from a London based airport Dinner and a game of bowling (either tonight or tomorrow night)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	A full day excursion to the Golden Circle where students will see active geysers, the spectacular Gullfoss water, the dramatic National Park canyon and the Mid Atlantic Ridge – the only place in the World to this ridge above sea level. Students will also visit the Hellidsheidi Power Plant to see how tectonic activity creates geothermal energy for the location population.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	A full day excursion to the South Shore. Students will study two different waterfalls to look at glacial processes in action. They will also look at the coastal processes and characteristics along the black volcanic beaches.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	In the morning students will travel to the Blue Lagoon where they will experience the effects of geothermal energy! They will take a soak in the steamy 40oC waters of the lagoon which are fed by geothermal energy and full of rich minerals. Afternoon flight home to a London based airport

At this early stage, the exact timing and cost of the flights cannot be confirmed and are therefore based on estimated costs. Please be aware that due to fluctuating flight costs and a change in the exchange rate value of the Icelandic currency the final cost of the trip (final instalment) may vary slightly to this price originally advertised and could fluctuate by up to £50.00.

Please see the payment plan for the cost of the trip below: We ask that a deposit of £150.00 is paid by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017** to secure the place. At this early stage we also require a copy of the pupils' passport details, which are needed to secure the lowest price for flights as soon as they are released.

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Amount</b>
20/01/2017	£150
17/03/2017	£200
14/07/17	£200
27/10/2017	£200
03/02/2018	£70 (The final amount will be confirmed nearer the time)

As this trip is overseas, all pupils will need their own up-to-date passport<sup>1</sup> and EHIC Card ([www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)).

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip, **please complete the [consent and payment form](#) which is available on the school's website** or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, places will not be confirmed until your payment is received, therefore we recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. You will be liable for all costs incurred by the school up to the point of cancellation.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern. In line with our School Trips Policy, if there is a need to contact your child while they are out of school, please phone Mrs Sally Pringle on 07938 225451 or Mr Oliver Price on 07925019743.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs L Smith**  
Subject Leader for Geography

**Mrs S Pringle**  
Assistant Head: Director of Finance & Resources

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<sup>1</sup> Some countries have an immigration requirement for a passport to remain valid for a minimum period (usually at least six months) beyond the date of entry to the country. Therefore please can you ensure your passport is in good condition and valid for at least 6 months at the date of your return. This is a requirement of the country concerned, not the UK Passport Service. Any questions should be addressed to their Consulate or Embassy.

## Reply Slip (LLS)

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If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions?  Yes  No

Will this medical condition affect them taking part in the activities?  Yes  No

If yes, please give details including treatment that they currently receive for this/these medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter any known allergies to drugs, medicines or food and/or special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been immunised against tetanus?  Yes  No

Please provide us with two emergency contact numbers:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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For overseas visits only, please confirm that you have included:

Copy of Passport included  Yes  No

Copy EHIC included  Yes  No

### Declaration

I agree to my child taking part in the above mentioned visit and to their participation in the activities to be undertaken during the day. I support the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is not suffering from any medical condition that makes them unfit to participate in this visit. I agree to my child receiving medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

**Payment Method – £150 (Deposit)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Wise Pay (via Internet) <sup>1</sup> Preferred payment method	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <sup>2</sup> Cheques payable to The John Warner School	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <sup>2</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance department in the first instance. If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please contact the Finance Department.

<sup>2</sup> If paying by cash or cheque, please put your payment in an envelope which should be labelled with the name of the trip, your child's name, form and the amount enclosed. We would appreciate your cooperation by requesting that your child places the response slip in the trips box, which is located at Student Services.

All outstanding payments must be with the school a minimum of four weeks prior to the start date of the trip unless an earlier payment date is stated on the original letter.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent / Carer**