



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

LICHFIELD

Proposed geographical field study visit to Iceland

The geography department is offering year ten students the chance of a field study visit to Iceland between **Monday 4th July and Friday 8th July, 2016**. This will be an amazing opportunity to experience the very unique geography of this fascinating country, including volcanic and glaciated scenery. Your child would be able to watch an erupting geyser and study volcanic craters and tectonic faults. There will also be an opportunity to investigate the effects of glaciers on the landscape and to experience glacier walking. We will visit Heimaey to see how this island and its settlement has been affected by and adapted to recent volcanic activity. There will also be the chance to swim in a geothermally heated pool, to go white water rafting and to visit the capital, Reykjavik.

This visit is an optional extra and supports the geography curriculum. No pupil will miss any compulsory or statutory element of their education if they do not attend. The visit has been arranged to coincide with the first week of the two week window for year 10 work experience to minimise disruption in school – please bear this in mind when organising work placements.

As this activity is considered to have only normal everyday risks, it is covered by the Local Authority's standard public liability insurance and no further insurance has been provided. Please note that all residential and high-risk activities are subject to Local Authority approval. If any changes to our current plans are requested by the Local Authority parents will be kept fully informed.

In order for the Iceland trip to run, we will require a contribution in the region of £1000, which will be finalised once all arrangements are complete. This will cover full board accommodation, all activities, travel by coach in Iceland accompanied by an experienced guide, flights, coach travel to and from the airport, a contingency fund for emergency and unforeseen expenses, insurance cover and cost of staff cover. If you would like your child to take part in this visit, I would be grateful if you could return the attached parental consent form and deposit by **Friday 23rd October** so that arrangements for the visit can proceed. This should be returned to **Bader Reception** in an envelope marked '**For the Attention of Mrs Jetson**' and clearly labelled with **your child's name and tutor group and the date and destination of the educational visit**. The **deposit of £150** can be made via the **ParentPay** website or, alternatively, a cheque can be sent into school with the consent form made payable to **Staffordshire County Council**. This deposit is required by the travel company and will be non-returnable if your child is successful in securing a place on this trip – please be aware that there are a limited number of places available and you will be informed if your child has been successful after the closing date.

The trip is open to all Y10 GCSE Geography students. In previous years this visit has proved very popular with students and there are only a limited number of places (50 student places) available and so places will be allocated on a ballot system if the trip is oversubscribed. In addition, to reward effort and enthusiasm for Geography, places for 5 students per teaching group, will be allocated to students whose effort in Geography has been excellent throughout Year 9 and so far this year. This will be measured by effort both in lessons and towards homework as indicated on termly reports. The remaining 30 places will then be drawn out of a hat by Senior Leadership Team member Mr Shaw.

If your child's behaviour record has raised significant concern in school, unfortunately we will not be able to allocate them a place for health and safety reasons. If your child is offered a place, it is on the understanding that their behaviour record remains at a standard which ensures they can be trusted on the trip, and that their behaviour will not compromise the safety of themselves or other students.

If you require any further information, please contact me at school preferably by email:
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Yours sincerely,
G Merry

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PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A SCHOOL VISIT
Please complete this form and return it to Mrs Jetson in Bader Reception.

1. Visit to Iceland

From 4th July 2016 at 7am (approx.) to 8th July 2016 at 12.00pm (approx.)

2. Medical details. My son/daughter has the following medical or special needs.

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I understand that for residential visits I must complete and return a medical form, with up to date details, not more than fourteen days before the visit.

3. Dietary details. My son/daughter has the following dietary needs.

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4. Insurance. I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

5. Transport. I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

6. Return to Home. I understand the predicted time of return and I will attend to collect my son/daughter or my son/daughter will be returning home by.....

7. Water Activities and Swimming. For visits that involve water activities and/or swimming my son/daughter's swimming ability and consent to partake is (tick boxes): -

Non-swimmer	
Swim less than 50 metres	
Swim 50 metres or more	
I consent to my son/daughter undertaking the water activities and swimming notified in the visit programme.	

8. Financial Contribution. I am paying the deposit of £150 which I have either A) sent via ParentPay, B) enclosed. I understand that this is non-returnable if my child secures a place on the visit. I agree to pay the remainder in instalments or by the published deadlines.

9. Photographs. Photographs taken on the visit may be used in school or education service promotional information. Please answer Yes or No

I agree to my son/daughter attending the visit (or series of visits) detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour.

Print name of child as given on passport.....

Tutor group Geography teacher

Once completed please return this form in a sealed envelope to Mrs Jetson in Bader Reception or email it to edvisits@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk For parents not using the ParentPay facility a cheque payable to Staffordshire County Council should be included with the form. The envelope should be marked clearly with the name and tutor group of your child and the destination and date of the educational visit.