

## Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

3rd October 2025

## **Geography Trip to Iceland – October 2026**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to offer students a very exciting opportunity to visit Iceland. In October half-term 2026 the Geography Department will be embarking on an overseas field visit to Iceland. The visit is open to Geography students currently in Years 10 and 12 (Year 11 and 13 at the time of the trip). When the flights are released we will be able to provide exact dates.

Iceland is known as the 'Land of Fire and Ice.' An astonishing country with spectacular glaciers, volcanic mountains, wild gorges, stunning waterfalls, impressive geysers and a raft of other geothermal features all wrapped up in a centuries-old Norse culture. The recent eruption provides an excellent case study for your daughter. We do recognise that Iceland is an expensive place to visit, and while it is a valuable geographical experience, please be reassured that students will not be disadvantaged in terms of their GCSE and A-level studies if they do not take part in this trip.

Our tour will include flights to Iceland from Birmingham airport (drop-off and collection at airport), 3 nights half-board hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities. Breakfast and dinner will be provided for all students, with the opportunity to purchase and sample a variety of local cuisine for lunch. Our itinerary will be confirmed in due course.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £900-£1000 (to be confirmed when flights are released).

Students wishing to participate in this visit must be in possession of a full passport at time of travel and GHIC health card. Students holding a passport other than British may need a VISA – this is parental responsibility to apply for and can be checked here <a href="https://island.is/en/do-you-need-a-visa">https://island.is/en/do-you-need-a-visa</a>

To secure a place on the trip payment of a *non-refundable deposit of £100* is to be paid by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Payment and consent will be online via the School Gateway app or website.

If a minimum number of students is not met the trip will not be able to go ahead, and deposits will be refunded.

The remaining balance will be paid in instalments:

Instalment 1 £200 10th December 2025

Instalment 2 approx. £650 10th July 2026

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions at hcv@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Chiverton Head of Geography