

# COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Overseas field trip – Iceland 2017  
(Open to Sixth Form students)  
Tuesday 17 October – Saturday 21 October 2017**

We are delighted to offer students a very exciting inspirational travel opportunity. In October 2017 Colyton Grammar will be embarking on an overseas field trip to fascinating Iceland. The trip is open to sixth form geography students.

Iceland is known as the 'Land of Fire and Ice'. An astonishing country with spectacular glaciers, volcanic mountains, wild gorges, stunning waterfalls, Europe's largest wet desert, impressive geysers and a raft of other geothermal features all wrapped up in a centuries-old Norse culture.

The 5 day trip will be organised by Discover the World, our chosen UK tour operator who specialise in student trips and tailor-made holidays to Iceland and beyond. For your peace of mind they are a leading UK travel company and recognised experts in travel to Iceland. They are also accredited by the School Travel Forum, an initiative set up to promote best practice and educational travel. The School Travel Forum companies must provide comprehensive safety management standards and operate within the restrictions of a stringent DEFS Code of Practice. Discover the World has also been awarded the Quality Badge – Learning Outside the Classroom. If you would like more information on Iceland or about Discover the World please visit their website, [www.discover-the-world.co.uk](http://www.discover-the-world.co.uk).

We hope to include in our itinerary:

Day 1	Fly UK to Keflavik – Reykjanes Peninsula – Perlan – Reykjavik – Hotel Viking
Day 2	Thingvellir – Geysir – Gullfoss – <b>Secret Lagoon</b> – Guesthouse Hjardabol
Day 3	Heimaey with coach and driver to include <b>Eldheimar Interactive Exhibition</b> and hike up Eldheimar – Hotel Geirland
Day 4	Eldhraun – Skaftafell Visitor Centre and walk to glacier– Skalafellsjokull – <b>Jokulsarlon Boat Trip</b> (ca 45 min) – Hofn - Hotel Blafell
Day 5	East Fjords including Hjallanes loop (ca 2 hours for hike) - Hengifoss – Seydisfjordur – transfer to Egilsstadir for return flight to UK (flight details TBC)

The approximate cost of the trip will be £950. This is based on 30 students joining the trip.

*Note regarding costs from Discover the World*

*'Since 2015 the sterling has weakened against the Icelandic krona by approximately 25%. In addition, Iceland is one of the world's fastest growing tourist destinations and has been for a number of years. In 2016 tourism is expected to increase by 40% from last year's record 1.3 million arrivals. The forecast for 2017 is for another 35% increase. For a number of years school groups have enjoyed very low rates from our partners in Iceland, particularly in the winter months. Whilst the rates you receive are still significantly discounted for school groups, demand for the services has also increased, which means many suppliers are increasing their rates.'*

*These factors combined explain our current pricing. In addition, we offer a unique no surcharge guarantee, offering you further peace of mind. This means the moment your booking is confirmed we will give you our 100% guarantee there will be no price increases or additional fees to be paid, regardless of what happens with sterling, world oil prices or taxes. For more information about your no surcharge guarantee please [click here](#).*

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting experience, please pay your non-refundable deposit of **£100.00** via [ParentPay](#) at the latest by Friday 18 November. A second payment of **£200** would be required by Friday 13 January 2017. The balance can be paid by instalments via ParentPay (details to follow) with final payment being due on Friday 7 July 2017.

### **Parent Information**

An information evening will be arranged in due course. Here you will receive all relevant trip information. I will send out a reminder to students and parents nearer the time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact me through school on **01297 552327**, or email via **admin@colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk**

Yours faithfully

Mr Stidwell  
Party Leader