



Tuesday 2 December 2025

GCSE Geography Field Trip to Iceland February 2027

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Geography Department are very pleased to offer a residential field trip to Iceland for our current Year 9 students for 2027. This trip is entirely optional and will aim to run from Thursday 11 February to Monday 15 February 2027 depending on which flights we can secure. We are hoping for 40 students to join us and at this stage, we are simply asking you to register your interest so we can understand if the trip is viable.

Please find the initial proposal details below:

Destination	Iceland
Year group	Current Year 9 (will be Year 10 when we go)
Purpose of Visit	To support Geography knowledge, to aid the GCSE, awe and wonder
Activities	Extensive tour of many of Iceland's natural and human wonders: Waterfalls, Glacier Walk, Hot springs, Geothermal areas etc.
Staff Leader	Mrs H Bavington
Estimated cost to each Pupil	In the region of £1,600 per student
Method/Timing of payments	If the trip is viable, a monthly payment plan will be set up.
Departure date & time	Thursday 11 February 2027 – times tbc
Return date & time	Monday 15 February 2027 – times tbc
Duration	Five days / four nights

This is a phenomenal opportunity to study the 'Land of Fire and Ice', a living laboratory which sits astride the Mid-Atlantic ridge with exceptionally diverse landscapes of fjords, glaciers and active volcanic landforms all wrapped up in a centuries old Norse culture. Iceland is a 'must see' location for all geographers, a place where one can swim in geothermal waters, stand on a moving glacier, observe an active volcano and bubbling geysers, walk across a desert and marvel at a black sand beach – all in one day!



Community



Aspiration



Respect



Excellence



As part of their GCSE course, students study natural hazards, plate tectonics, weather and climate, glaciation, geomorphic processes, coasts, urban environments, energy and sustainability. All of these topics (amongst others) have very strong and clear links to the country of Iceland and a visit there is certain to provide invaluable additional knowledge to help support GCSE study. The trip itself also hopes to inspire students to explore the world around them and give them a greater appreciation of the diversity of its people and places.

Whilst the final itinerary is yet to be finalised, the cost will include:

- Return airport transfers and flights to Iceland
- Accommodation for 4 nights
- Meals including eating at local restaurants. There is a possibility that one lunch may need to be purchased.
- All coach travel around Iceland
- A personal tour guide
- All activities (and any specialist equipment required) which we hope would include a glacier walk, the Golden Circle Day Excursion, South Shore Day Excursion, entry to Perlan exhibition centre, entry to one of the geothermal pools and entrance to a geothermal power plant. Final itinerary TBC.
- Trip insurance

Please note that we are extremely appreciative as to how expensive this trip might appear. We have worked incredibly hard with our tour company (Discover The World) to make sure this trip is the absolute best value for money that it can be. This is a well-established tour company, and past participants who have been in other Meridian Trust schools have commented on how valuable and memorable it has been. If you would like more information – please contact Mrs Bavington.

If you are interested in your child attending this trip, please register your interest using the linked Microsoft Form below by Sunday 7 December 2025.

[Iceland Trip – register of interest – Fill out form](#)

This will give us an idea of numbers and final costings, which will allow us to finalise the launch of this exciting international trip. Further details will then follow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Bavington
Head of Geography