## **Urmston Grammar School**

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Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer

The Geography Department are hoping to run an educational trip to Iceland at the start of the 2024 Easter break, with the educational tour operator "Discover the World." This trip is open to current Year 10, 11 and 12 students (who study Geography). We are also considering current Year 9 students, who have already selected Geography as one of their Year 10 GCSE choices. The aims of this trip are to view the formations of unique glacial and tectonic landscapes and consider the impacts of global warming on this environment. We are writing to gain an understanding as to how many students would wish to attend this trip, in order to allow us to book and successfully run the trip. We have set our maximum number of students at 60.

As it stands the cost is like to run between £850-900, and this price would include a 3 night, 4 day stay. This includes full board accommodation, with breakfast, packed lunch and evening meals included. Please see below for the draft itinerary of the events included in this price:

<u>Day 1</u> Fly to Keflavík, from Mancheter – Bridge Between Continents – Gunnuhver hot springs – Nátthagi valley viewpoint of Fagradalsfjall lava flow – Overnight near Hveragerði

<u>Day 2</u> LAVA Centre (09:00) – Reynisfjara – Sólheimajökull Glacier Walk (13:00) – Skógafoss – Seljalandsfoss – Overnight Hella

<u>Day 3</u> Secret Lagoon (10:00) – Gullfoss – Geysir – Thingvellir National Park – Evening meal in local restaurant – Overnight Hafnarfjörður

Day 4 Early morning transfer to Keflavik airport – Fly home

Obviously we understand that the cost of the trip would be too much to pay in one go so if your son / daughter successfully gains a place an installment plan will be initiated. In order to minimise costs, we have picked full board accommodation so students should take little spending money with them. In fact the itinerary will be so busy with educational visits there will be very little time to go souvenir shopping.

If you would like to express interest in your son/daughter taking part in the Iceland 2024 trip, please complete the linked form. Please only complete the form if the deposit can be paid by Friday March 31st and, particularly in the case of current Year 11 students, there is the understanding that they will be attending Urmston Grammar Sixth Form and studying A Level Geography the following academic year.

Iceland 2024 - Form to register interest

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