



ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



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19th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Geography Extra-Curricular Trip to Iceland – March 2026

The Geography department is planning an extra-curricular educational visit to Iceland in March 2026. The proposed dates are Monday 23rd March – Thursday 26th March, however this will be confirmed once the flights are released. This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn about the unique physical Geography of Iceland, with many links to our topics in the A Level course including tectonics, glaciation, the water cycle and carbon cycle topics.

The trip offers a range of relevant educational activities including sightseeing in Iceland, visiting the famous Golden Circle tour, attending a waterfalls and glaciers trip along the south coast of Iceland, and even the opportunity for some swimming in a geothermal pool! We are offering the trip to all current Year 12 students, and students studying Geography will be given priority for the places. We intend to take 40 students. If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be used, and students who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

Day 1: Coach travel to Manchester airport and flight to Keflavik airport. In the afternoon visit Reykjanes Peninsula. Check into accommodation at Hjardarbol Guesthouse.

Day 2: Golden Circle Day - visit to Mid-Atlantic Rift, the Secret Lagoon thermal pool experience, Strokkur Geysir, Gullfoss Waterfall, Efsti-Dalur and Thingvellir National Park.

Day 3: South Coast Tour including a trip to an Interactive LAVA centre, Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls, Solaheimajokill glacier, black sand beaches, basalt columns, Dryholaey coastal features and a visit to the town of Vik.

Day 4: Visit Kerid Crater, Hveragerdi hot springs, Hellsheidi geothermal power station and Reykjavik city. Transfer to Keflavik airport and fly back to Manchester.

We anticipate the cost to be a fully inclusive price of £950 per student, but please be aware this price may be subject to a small change depending on the price of flights when they are released. The price includes:

- Return coach travel from Ulverston to Manchester airport.
- Return flights to Iceland.
- 3 nights' accommodation in the Icelandic countryside full board with packed lunches.
- Coach travel for the duration of our stay in Iceland.
- Travel insurance.

Students may wish to bring some additional spending money if they wish for souvenir shopping, food at the airport etc.



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School is unable to cover the full cost of the trip, so it is necessary to ask each student for a voluntary contribution. If you have any difficulty financing the trip, please contact the school finance office. Please be aware that if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the trip will have to be cancelled, and deposits will be refunded.

Please note that on signing up on this trip you should be sure that your child intends to continue studying A Levels at UVHS in Year 13, because if your child decides to pull out of the trip after the final numbers have been confirmed with the travel company, you will be liable for any outstanding amount owing, unless a replacement can be found to take your child's place.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 1) £300 deposit by Friday 28th March 2025 (non-refundable if pupil withdraws, as this will be used for flights)
- 2) £200 by Friday 23rd May 2025
- 3) £200 by Friday 12th September 2025
- 4) £250 by Friday 9th January 2026

We prefer to accept contributions on-line via your ParentPay account, with a non-refundable deposit of £300 be paid by Friday 28th March 2025. If you have not yet received your ParentPay activation letter, please contact the school Finance Office as soon as possible.

Please note that your child needs their own full passport prior to the visit, and any renewals of passports should be carried out so that they arrive before our student-parent meeting which will be arranged for March 2026. Each passport will need at least 6 months' validity from our return date, and this is at parents'/carers' own expense (not included in the trip cost).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We look forward to your child joining us on this worthwhile and enjoyable educational visit.

Yours sincerely

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