

30th March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

ICELAND TRIP OCTOBER HALF TERM 2018

A provisional booking has been made with the company 'Select School Tours' for a trip (5 days, 4 nights) to Iceland during the October Half Term 2018 (dates to be confirmed in June 2017). This is not just a trip for geography pupils; it is open to anyone who will be between year 9 and 13 at the time of the trip. We will depart by coach from school on the last day of term and are proposing to stay at the Hotel Cabin, a three star hotel on a full board basis. The hotel is situated about 6km away from Reykjavik and will be our hotel for the trips duration. Please follow the attached link for more information on the hotel: <http://hotelcabin.is/>

The package presents a great opportunity, and includes:

1. Full board accommodation for 4 nights (packed lunch for the midday)
2. Fully comprehensive insurance
3. All transport costs
4. Entry to the Blue Lagoon which is a geothermal pool
5. 'Golden Circle' guided tour (Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall, Strokkur Geyser and Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station.)
6. 'South Shore' tour (Helka and Eyjafjallajokull volcanoes, Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfall, Dryhlaey Peninsula and black sand beaches with basalt columns and a visit to Solheimajokull glacier snout.)
7. 'Reykjanes Peninsula' tour (Gunnhver Geothermal area, Grinadavik town, Krysuvik mud pots and hot springs, Lake Kleifarvatn)
8. Swimming one evening
9. A northern lights coach tour which will be planned on the best possible day of visibility
10. Glacier hiking on Sólheimajökull: Hike onto the ice itself and explore the crevasse-riddled outlet glacier with its amazing ice formations, sinkholes and jagged ridges

The total cost of the trip will be £1,055. In order to guarantee this price and for the trip to proceed we need a minimum of 40 students (in the unlikely event that this number is not reached, the provisional booking will be cancelled and deposits will be returned in full).

In order for your son/daughter to be considered for a place, please complete the tear-off slip below and return to Miss Rowley at school with a **deposit of £250 by Tuesday 2nd May 2017**. Demand is expected to be high so please return your deposit as soon as possible. In the case of high demand, we will prioritise those students who have consistently demonstrated excellent attitude and effort over the last year.

Payments can be made via our online payment facility at www.parentpay.com, which is our preferred method of payment. Please contact the school Finance Office at finance@hanleycastlehs.org.uk if you have lost your login details or have any other queries regarding online payments. Alternatively a cheque or cash can be sent into school in a labelled envelope and put in the Finance box in the Library.

- It is proposed that the remaining £805 be paid in four payments made as follows:
 - 30 September 2017 £200
 - 31 January 2018 £200
 - 30 April 2018 £200
 - 30 June 2018 £205
- After the trip is officially booked the deposits are then **non-refundable** as part of the Select School Travel contract conditions. If your child is unable to go for any reason, I will endeavour to fill their place and **only** in this instance will money be returned.

More detailed information for those successful in securing a place will be issued before the summer holidays. An information evening for parents will be arranged, but if you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me beforehand.

Yours faithfully

E.Rowley (Iceland Trip Coordinator)

**Please complete and return to Miss E Rowley – Hanley Castle High School by Tuesday 2nd May 2017
Iceland 2018**

I would like my son/daughter: Tutor Group:
to be considered for a place on the 2018 trip to Iceland and have paid a £250 deposit.

I have paid £250 online via ParentPay ParentPay receipt number:

I enclose £250 cheque I enclose £250 cash

Signed:(Parent/Guardian) Date: