

LGw/CKe

20 January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Geography Tour to Iceland – April 2027- Years 9 & 10

We are delighted to announce that the Humanities department will be running a trip to Iceland.

The trip will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to experience geography first-hand, supporting their classroom learning and bringing the geography to life. The trip is being organised by specialist group tour operator Rayburn Tours who has been operating educational trips for schools since 1965. Rayburn Tours is ABTOT bonded and ATOL protected, as well as being accredited by 'Learning Outside the Classroom and the School Travel Forum'.

We will be holding an information evening on **Tuesday 10th of February** to provide further trip details and answer any questions. Please email me to confirm your attendance.

We very much hope that your child will be able to take part in this fantastic experience. If you have any questions, please email me - LGwillim01@jcsc.co.uk

The total cost of the trip will be £1285.00, and is payable in instalments via the MCAS app. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To confirm your child's place on the trip, a deposit of **£150.00** is required to be paid via MCAS by **13th February 2026**

Please see overleaf for further details.

Yours faithfully,

Mr L Gwillim

Iceland Trip Leader

	Proposed Tour Details
Dates:	2nd - 5th April 2027
Tour Inclusions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return Coach transfers from JCSC to Newcastle Airport • Return flights to Iceland • 3 nights' accommodation • Meals on a full board basis • Resort coaching • Programme of activities and excursions to complement the Geography requirements • A Field Study Tutor for the duration of your tour • Comprehensive Aviva Travel Insurance
Estimated cost based on 40 pupils. (Price may vary depending on uptake).	Flying from Newcastle £1270.00 per person (15 & under) £1285.00 per person (16 & over)
Payments and due dates:	Initial deposit of £150 required by 13 th February 2026 Second deposit of £150 required by 2 nd of April 2026 £600 by the 30 th of September 2026 Full remaining balance due by 1st December 2026
Travel requirements:	<p>All pupils require a current passport Please ensure passport is valid for six months after date of return. (October 2027)</p> <p>All pupils require a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC).</p> <p>Non-EU passport holders may require a visa to enter Iceland and you should check on the Icelandic government website to see whether this is applicable for your child.</p> <p>Passport applications: https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports GHIC applications: www.ghic.org.uk</p>

FAQs

Are there any other costs?

Children will need a small amount of spending money if they wish to buy souvenirs or snacks during their stay. No more than £100.

Do I get a discount for more than one child?

Unfortunately, no, the cost is fixed for every attendee, no multiple person discounts are available

Do I get help with cost?

We do not currently have the means to offer help with the cost towards the trip. Other trips which are during term time may have discounts available. This trip during school holidays is classed as an enrichment trip.

What do I need to buy?

As we are not going until April 2026 and weather is always unpredictable, we would suggest warm comfortable clothing and walking boots/shoes along with a waterproof coat.

It's also worth noting...

As a school we expect our children to behave in line with our policy and follow the school values of being kind, working hard and aiming high. We expect children to behave appropriately in school at all times and in the run up to the trip, your child may be removed from the trip if we have concerns about their behaviour in school. We would always keep you informed if this started to become an issue. Ultimately, we need to maintain the safety of all students on the trip and behaving appropriately is integral to the smooth running of a international residential trip and the enjoyment of all which I'm sure you can understand.

Cancellation charges will apply if your child is removed from the trip due to behaviour / exclusion.

Cancellation Charges

As with any tour operator, the trip must be paid in full at least 14 weeks prior to travel.

Period before departure in which you notify us	Cancellation Charge
More than 80 days prior to departure	Loss of first two deposits
40-80 days before departure	75% of tour cost
31-39 days before departure	90% of tour cost
0-30 days before departure	100% of tour cost

These charges still apply if a student is withdrawn due to behaviour, exclusion or leaving JCSC