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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to you to invite your son to participate in an exciting opportunity for our lower school Geography students. A field trip to Iceland is being organised for 2014, to take place over five days in the first week of the October half-term holiday (approximate dates are Sunday 19th to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, though this may be a day or two earlier or later). As places are limited, the trip will only be on offer to boys studying Geography at IGCSE level next year and currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> form.

Iceland is living text book for all Geographers; our visit will bring to life many of the landscape features and processes studied in class and engender our students with a sense of awe and wonder that will remain with them for many years. The emphasis of the trip is on visits to outdoor sites, encompassing many geographical issues and features. We will visit the city of Reykjavík; the geothermal pools of the Blue Lagoon; the tectonic rift valley of Thingvellir; hot springs and geothermal landforms at Geysir, the jokulhlaup (glacier burst) from the recent Eyjafjallajokull volcano eruption; the sources and power plants of Iceland's geothermal energy; spectacular waterfalls, glacial plains, river features, coastal formations and a guided walk on the Solheimajokull glacier.

We will be travelling with a company called Discover the World, who have specialised in school trips to Iceland for many years and we have used for a previous visit to Iceland in 2012. We will be based in Reykjavik for most of our visit and accommodation will be in hotels. Students will have shared rooms. The cost of the trip will be in the region of £800 (subject to currency fluctuations/fuel surcharges etc.) and will also include insurance. The cost is all-inclusive including meals, flights with scheduled airlines and transfers to Manchester airport. We will also have the services of a coach and guide while in Iceland. The company has a Travel Disruption Charter that will enable us to cancel or reschedule at no extra cost should Eyjafjallajokull, its near-neighbour Katla or Grimsvotn decide to erupt around the time of our visit. Given the high costs of visiting Iceland and the packed itinerary, this represents good value for money.

Places are very limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To register interest for a place for your son on this trip, please email me at [rhm@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:rhm@shrewsbury.org.uk) as soon as possible. No money is to be paid at this point. I will then reply by email to parents whose sons have been allocated places with a confirmation of details of the trip and the payment plan, which will allow for regular installments, if you wish to pay by this method.

If you have any queries regarding this field trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via email the address above.

Yours faithfully,

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