

Dear Students and families

### Iceland 2018 Final Details

It is with great pleasure I can now confirm the final details for our trip. Please can you ensure the **'trip hoody'** is worn on the outward journey on Monday so we can easily identify everyone in the airport.

**Timings:** We are meeting at 7.00am on Monday 29 October at Varndean School (Ditchling Road bus stop). We are due to be back at Varndean School around 9.30 - 10.00pm on Saturday 3 November, I will ask students to contact you when we are on route from Heathrow and have a more precise arrival time, an updated arrival time will also be published on front page of the Varndean School website.

**Flights:** 29-10-18: 12:20 Heathrow to Keflavik FI451 Icelandair

03-11-18: 16:30 Keflavik to Heathrow FI454 Icelandair, landing at 19:30

A drink will be provided on the outbound flight, but I suggest students bring some money to buy lunch in the airport, and also purchase a bottle of water to take with us to use in Iceland. Icelandair operate a card only payment system on-board so cash payments cannot be made.

**Luggage allowance:** 1 Suitcase 23kg (you have to be able to carry it!!) plus 1 handbag (6kg) but a 100ml limit on any liquids carried in hand luggage (no restrictions on liquids in suitcases).

**Pocket money:** All activities and meals are included in the trip, but students may want to bring some **Icelandic Krona** with them to buy drinks, snacks and souvenirs whilst away. I have arranged with Marks and Spencer in town who have bought in plenty of currency, so it is available to collect anytime, also students may need a small amount of Sterling for Gatwick.

**Emergency contact for families:** Hilary Goldsmith is the UK emergency contact throughout the trip, she can be contacted anytime on 07432 727538, I will update her on a regular basis throughout the trip. Students will have an emergency card with my contact number on whilst we are away.

**Updates whilst away:** To keep up to date with what is happening during our trip then if you are on Twitter you can follow us on @Varndean\_Geog, if you don't have Twitter you can still view the comments and photos we share by typing [https://twitter.com/varndean\\_geog](https://twitter.com/varndean_geog) in to your web browser.

**Kit list:** And finally, a reminder of the kit list: Warm winter coat, sturdy outdoor boots, hat, scarf & gloves, 2/3 pairs of trousers/jeans, 4/5 t-shirts, 2 jumpers/hoodies, underwear, swim costume, towel, toiletries (include sun cream), daysack, water bottle (we can buy this in the airport), camera/phone, iPod/book, sweets/snacks for journey/hotel. Iceland uses a 2 Pin European Adaptor for electrical accessories.

**Passports:** Passports and EHIC's will be returned to students on the return coach journey from Heathrow on the Saturday evening.

Thank you for your on-going support and if you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01273 561281 or via email [paulwhite@varndean.co.uk](mailto:paulwhite@varndean.co.uk) *I am away the first week of the half-term but will check my emails in an evening when back to my hotel.*

Best wishes

Paul White

