



Dear Parent/Student,

September 2017

## Appleton College Visit to Iceland Easter 2018 - Geography & Biology

Following our successful trip to Iceland in 2016 we are planning another visit during the Easter Holidays in 2018. This visit is open to students who will be at Appleton College during Easter 2018 and those pupils studying Geography and Biology at AS or A2 will have first refusal. **(Other pupils may also apply for spaces)** There will be 16 spaces on this trip.

**Details: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

The proposed itinerary includes: (Itineraries in Iceland are subject to change due to weather conditions etc)

### Day 1 “Geo-thermal energy and rifting”

- Depart Manchester arrive Keflavik
- Visit the new GeoPark Visitors Centre
- Climb explosion craters
- Visit the 'Ring of Fire' to see a larger explosion crater, lava flows and patterned ground
- See pillow lavas in cliff at Krísuvík plus nearby hot mud pots and sinter pools

### Day 2 “Golden Circle: effects of rifting, succession and impact of Man”

- Visit the Soil Conservation Project visitor centre Sagnagarður at Gunnarsholt
- Gullfoss –awesome fault-guided waterfall and walk beside its gorge
- Geysir
- Visit Laugarvatn Fontana Spa with its geothermal pools, hot tubs and steam rooms
- Þingvellir National Park -rifting between American & Eurasian plates

### Day 3 “Wilderness: Eruptions, Sharks, Waterfalls, Glacier & Caving”

- On to Stykkishólmur on the north coast of this wilderness.
- Visit to the Volcanic museum for film and talk on Iceland’s volcanic eruptions.
- Shark Museum: the tradition of Vikings
- North coast tour stopping for awesome waterfalls, dramatic volcanoes, stunning sea cliffs and pristine fjords.
- Caving in one of the best lava tubes in Iceland with activity company
- Coastal hike to view caves, arches, stacks and lava formations –an erosional coastline

### Day 4 “Reykjavik and Marine Research project”

- Follow the volcanic ridge along the Snæfellsnes back to Reykjavik
- Brief tour of Reykjavik including views over centre from the Perlan and Hallgrímskirkja
- Into the Reykjanes GeoPark
- Visit the University Marine Research Centre for a half day project
- Geothermal activity at Gunnuvher
- Major rift where two continents are dividing (called the ‘Land Bridge’)
- To the restaurant Vitinn for Icelandic meal

### Day 5 “Departure”

- departs from Keflavik Airport arriving Manchester

Of course we can never plan everything! On the last trip we were fortunate enough to see a huge pod of Humpback Whales bubble netting off the coast, later being joined by a number of Minke Whales.



In the evenings students are encouraged to bring revision materials with them and we devote some time to revision and one to one help with their Geography and Biology examination work.

**Cost – approx. £1120 (depending on flight cost/numbers of students)**

This includes flights, transfers, tours stated above, accommodation, hoodie and all meals.

The initial deposit (refundable only if the trip does not run) of £150 should be paid to the finance office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you wish your child to take part in the trip but have an issue with meeting this deadline, [please do not hesitate to contact us at the email address below.

The remaining payments would be staggered throughout the year from October to February.

Monies should be paid to the finance office, by cheque payable to **Bridgewater High School**, please write the name of the student on the back of the cheque.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a once in a life time visit. We have selected itinerary visits that fit in with the syllabi of both the AS and A2 courses of the Geography and Biology. The company we will travel with will be **Izzy Tours**. (www.izzytours.co.uk ATOL: 9098).

We would also like to point out that Mrs. Shaw spent 5 summers in Iceland doing research, so we are using her local knowledge to get the most out of the time there and have customized our tour.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Shaw & Mr M. Knight (Trip organisers)

e-mail contact to: [e.shaw@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:e.shaw@bridgewaterhigh.com)

*(Tear-off slip)*

## Appleton College Iceland Visit, Easter 2018

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my daughter / son to take part in the visit to Iceland and enclose £150 deposit

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian Contact Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail (parent) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail (student) \_\_\_\_\_