



Dear parent/carer,

This year's Iceland trip was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. I am pleased to announce that the next trip to Iceland is planned for October 2026. We usually run the trip every two years but due to demand we have been able to offer it again next year. This trip has proved inspirational for students in previous years, and for many it is a once in a lifetime experience. The trip is open to students in year 11, 12 and 13 who be attending Post 16 at Helston Community College in October 2026. We are currently offering the places to students in year 10, 11 and 12. I delivered the assemblies this week and a number have already signed up. The deposit payment has been added to ParentPay accounts this week. A place can only be secured on the trip once the deposit is paid.

Dates

The trip is provisionally booked for 28 October to 1 November 2026: the trip will take place during the October half term 2026. These dates are provisional and may be subject to change.

How much will the trip cost?

At this present time, the precise cost of the trip is hard to provide as this ultimately depends upon how many students sign up. The price includes the initial deposit and a five-month payment schedule will be provided to assist with managing the payments once the numbers and cost are finalised.

Estimated cost based on 26 students: **£1890**

If we do not get 26 students sign up, the trip deposit will be refunded.

What is included in the price?

- UK coach transfer between Helston College and airports
- Activities and transport whilst in Iceland
- A tour guide for much of the duration of your stay
- Hotel accommodation
- Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meals

Itinerary

Below is the provisional itinerary that has been planned with Discover the World Tour operator. It gives you a brief outline of the many destinations that will be visited. These locations allow students to experience the unique landscape and culture of Iceland. This link will give you more details of the locations: [South West Iceland Highlights \(discover-the-world.com\)](https://www.discover-the-world.com)

Day 1	Keflavík – Reykjanes peninsula, Bridge between continents – Gunnuhver hot springs (time permitting) – – Lava Show (2000) – Overnight Hotel Vellir, Hafnarfjörður
Day 2	Thingvellir – Geysir – Gullfoss – Overnight Hotel Dyrholaey
Day 3	Mýrdalssandur* – Eldhraun – Laufskálavarða* – Jökulsárlón including boat tour – Skaftafell – Skaftafellsjökull – Kirkjugólf – Overnight Hotel Dyrholaey
Day 4	Reynishverfi – Dyrhólaey – Sólheimajökull Glacier adventure walk (13:00 for 3.5 hours) – Skógafoss – Seljalandsfoss – Overnight Hotel Vellir, Hafnarfjörður
Day 5	Direct transfer Reykjavík – Keflavík airport



How do I confirm my place?

For the trip to run at the estimated cost, 26 places are available. A student's place on the trip will only be fully confirmed once the deposit has been paid. Further details of the trip and a payment schedule will be provided once the 26 places have been filled.

The first deposit of £120 will be required by Thursday 11 December via ParentPay. This is due to the tight turnaround to secure flights for this trip, which is in huge demand by UK schools.

Making sure this trip is right for the student

This is truly a once in a lifetime trip for many students, but it obviously comes at a financial cost. Please discuss this trip with the student to ensure that taking part is the right decision. Personal circumstances can unforeseeably change. All participants need to be still studying at Helston College at the time of the trip.

Please note the trip includes a range of physical activities in particular the glacier climb and walk. This part of the trip covers approximately 5km walking and can last approximately 3.5 hours. Therefore, in order for students to participate they would need to have a reasonable level of fitness.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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