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IGCSE GEOGRAPHY EXPEDITION **JULY 2012**

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Dear Parent

Re: IGCSE Geography Expedition to Iceland, 2 July - 7 July 2012

I am writing to let you know that the Geography department will be running an IGCSE expedition to Iceland in July 2012. Iceland is in many ways the perfect destination for a Geography expedition. The amazing landscapes are truly unique. The processes and landforms are all around and, once in Iceland, students begin to fully appreciate that nature is the major controlling force. Activities will include climbing extinct volcanoes, visiting glaciers, geysers and waterfalls, studying Iceland's spectacular coastal landforms, caving in lava tunnels, a Viking boat trip, touring a geothermal power station, swimming in hot springs and an excursion to the volcanic island of Heimaey. There will be the option to go snorkelling between the plates at the mid-ocean ridge.

The trip is being organised by Rayburn Tours, and you might like to visit their website at www.rayburntours.com. We will depart on **Monday 2 July 2012** and return on **Saturday 7 July 2012** and will be based in a well established field study centre. The all inclusive cost of the trip will be approximately £1100, with an optional additional charge of £50 for snorkelling. A risk assessment has been carried out for this trip and is available on request. Insurance will be provided by the school, although you may wish to take out your own travel insurance. All participants must have a valid British or EU passport; non-EU citizens may have to apply for a visa. Due to the maximum capacity of the field centre, there is the potential for 90 Geography IGCSE students to participate in this expedition.

If your son/daughter is a cadet on the Army section of the CCF, please be aware that the Iceland trip runs concurrently with the Army camp. Both trips are excellent opportunities and students should feel free to attend whichever they prefer.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the Iceland field trip, would you please complete the booking form below, and either include a cheque for £150 as a preliminary deposit or sign giving permission for the £150 deposit to be added to your school bill. Places will be allocated on a strictly first-come first served- basis.



To give all families equal and fair time to read and consider this letter, applications will only be accepted from Monday 26 September 2011. Completed forms must be returned to Lucy Whistler (ljw@sevenoaksschool.org) in Claridge House only, so that they can be processed in order of receipt. The first 90 applications received with correct deposits will be offered places on the trip and a reserve list will operate thereafter.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the trip further, please do not hesitate to contact me, via the Geography department.

Yours sincerely

Miss Vicki Longhurst
Coordinator for Iceland trip 2012

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO ICELAND

I would like my son/daughter to go on the Geography expedition to Iceland (2-7 July 2012).

I understand that the cost of the trip will be about £1110 (+an additional, optional £50 for snorkelling), and that a deposit of **£150** is due with this reply form.

Name of son/daughter:..... Tutor group:

I enclose a cheque for £150 payable to Sevenoaks School with 'Geography expedition to Iceland 2012' and pupil code written on the back.

I give permission for £150 to be added to the school bill.

Signed:..... Date:

Please print name:

Please return to Lucy Whistler in the Main Office

