

GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE:

Iceland

19th - 22th July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wanted to make contact again to anticipate possible FAQs which might arise in the coming weeks and months to ensure you and your son are fully briefed regarding arrangements for Iceland.

Trip Administration

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their passport and medical information. I am aware that several parents are renewing their son's passports, and once these arrive, if I could ask that the online form below is completed, I would be hugely grateful.

[Iceland Trip 2023 Travel and Medical Form](#)

To complicate matters, I am aware that some browsers and anti-virus software have been blocking access to this link; if this is the case, the vital information required can be emailed to me at d.hodder@vcj.sch.je.

- First Name
- Surname
- DoB
- Passport Number
- Passport Expiry
- Passport Issuer (Jersey / UK / etc.)
- Dietary / Medical Information to be aware of.

Once completed, if you have not done so already, please could a copy of your son's passport be taken (photo/scanned/etc.) and the following steps followed.

1. Take a clear colour photo of your son's passport.
It is essential that the passport number and your son's name are visible.
2. Attach this photo as an attached file (preferably pdf/jpeg or any commonly used and accessible Microsoft Office format) to an email addressed to d.hodder@vcj.sch.je
3. Title the email message in all caps: ICELANDSURNAMEINITIAL
Example ICELANDBLOGGSJ
4. Send to d.hodder@vcj.sch.je

Activities Week

Several pupils have approached me keen to know the plan for Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July (the two days of activities week not covered by the trip itself). As your son has signed up for Iceland, he will not participate in the activities week itinerary. Our draft plan is to offer a "Tectonics Day" on

Jersey on Monday 17th. This, I hope, will involve a guided tour/field day with the group behind Jersey Geopark of the areas of Jersey linked to tectonic activity. We plan to offer this for no additional charge, and while in the early stages and dependent on a few factors, once finalised, I'll pass on information hopefully in my following letter.

On Tuesday 18th, we are minded to collapse the day and offer pupils the chance to pack, organise and rest before departure early on 19th July. We will plan to provide something in school; however, as an early signal, this is likely to finish at lunchtime to give everyone a chance to prepare.

Year 12 – Activities Week – Iceland

Those pupils in Year 12 are welcome to attend both days; however, we plan to encourage all Year 12 pupils on the trip to use the days for their independent data collection in preparation for their Non-Examined Assessment (coursework), which needs to be submitted in November 2023.

Date	Age Group	AM	PM
Monday 17 th July	Year 8 – 11	Tectonics Day	
	Year 12	NEA Data Collection	
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 8 – 11	In School Activity	Packing / Preparation
	Year 12	NEA Data Collection	Packing / Preparation

Remaining Payments

£450 – Due Monday by 6th March

£450 – Due by Wednesday 10th May

Payment can be made to:

HSBC

Victoria College School Fund

Account Number: 31237632

Sort 40-25-34

Reference: Student surname Ice (e.g. BloggsIce)

Rooming

I currently do not have a floor plan of rooms for the hotel. I know that rooming for the boys will be in four or five-person dorm rooms, based on the experience of colleagues from other schools who have used this hotel. Firstly, I must underline that rooming is always very tricky, and while we will do our utmost to room your son with his friends, it is not always possible to balance the rooms perfectly. I will speak to the boys early in the summer term and will ask them to make a 1st/2nd/3rd pick for rooming, friends, etc. We'll endeavour to ensure everyone is with their choices. Still, I would ask for

your support in having a conversation nearer the time that not everyone in their room might be their “number one” pick and framing it in such a way that spending time and getting to know someone new is part of the experience.

FAQ's

I have created a private website <https://www.victoriacollege.je/iceland2023> on which I will publish all letters and endeavour to run an updated FAQ page. Please feel free to bookmark this page, and I will post answers to any common questions which might arise to save on repetition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me d.hodder@vcj.sch.je

Regards,

Daniel Hodder – Head of Geography