Welcome. Please take your pack of materials from the tables at the front as you arrive.

http://www.oaklandscatolicschool.org/page/?title=Iceland+Trip&pid=72 (type ‘Iceland’ into the search box of the school website)

Staff

• Mr Bamford (x11)
• Mr Quinn (x1)
• Mr Ludlam (x1)
• Mrs Ludlam
• Mrs Moss

Iceland Trip Information Evening
Tuesday 23rd July – Saturday 27th July 2019
Where is Iceland?
Travel Itinerary: Day of Departure

- Students to come to school and assemble on the main drive at 08:15 on Tuesday 23rd July.
- The coach will be loaded and we will try to leave as close to 08:30 as possible
- Arrive at Heathrow, Terminal 2 at about 10:30. Check in and then I would advise everybody to have a hot meal whilst we wait for our flight.
- Icelandair flight FI 451 departing at 13:05 and arriving at Keflavik, Iceland at 15:10 (local time - 1 hour behind us)
- On arrival at the hotel we will have an evening meal, but we will get there quite late, as we are going to spend the rest of the day visiting various places – snacks?
Travel Itinerary: Day of Return

- We will return on Saturday 27th July
- Flight: Icelandair flight FI450 departing Keflavik at 12:30 (local time) and arriving at Heathrow at 16:30. Purchase some food at the airport before we fly?
- Arrive at Oaklands at about 19:00
- The school drive will be open
- If we are late returning I will put the ‘telephone tree’ into operation.
**Iceland Air bag dimensions**

- Main bag/suitcase (one only) should be a standard sized suitcase with a **23 KG** limit.
- Hand luggage, up to a maximum total dimensions of **114 cm** and **no more than 10 kg** into the cabin.
- In addition students can board with a duty free shopping bag.

Accommodation Arrangements

- Husid Guest House (purpose built accommodation – not a ‘hotel’ as such) - [https://guesthousehusid.is/](https://guesthousehusid.is/)
- There are excellent views of the coast and the Westmann Islands to the south and the majestic ice caps of Myrdalsjokull and Eyjafjallajokull are just to the east.
- WE ARE FULL BOARD – BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL ARE PROVIDED, BUT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO MAKE SANDWICHES AFTER BREAKFAST TO TAKE OUT WITH THEM FOR LUNCH
Some of the key rules to obey during the trip are as follows:

- **Instructions** by Teachers / Course Leaders must be **obeyed** without delay at all times.
- **SMOKING** is not allowed
- **ALCOHOL** is not allowed to be consumed (good luck trying to buy it in Iceland anyway!!)
- **PUNCTUALITY** is essential. Know the time and place to meet for coach etc.
- **Always stay on marked paths** and obey staff instructions about where you should be and things such as single file walking. Iceland is very different in terms of their health and safety!
- **If you feel ill report to a member of staff.**
- **You are not allowed in any bedroom other than your own.**

Parents will be billed for payments arising from damage caused by the actions of their son / daughter.
During the 2010 eruptions there was actually a group staying at the accommodation centre.

The hazard is not really lava and ash, but it is in fact flooding of the glacial ice on top of the volcanoes. There is a time delay from eruption to the flood, so there is likely to be ample warning time to respond.

The authorities in Iceland are very well prepared for natural hazards – the Icelandic Met office website (click here) is an extremely good source of information.

The most recent eruption at Bardarbunga officially came to an end on 28/2/15 (not near our destination). At the time of writing, all Icelandic volcanoes are ‘green’ on the hazard map.
Current Status of the volcanic systems in Iceland

This looks bad, but this is very much normal activity! You can plot the plate boundary between the Eurasian and North American plates clearly.

More severe earthquakes are indicated by a star on the map (in excess of magnitude 3 on the Richter scale)

THE ORANGE RECTANGLE IS WHERE WE VISIT
Day 1: Where We Visit
- Gulfoss
- Geysir
- Glacier Walk
- Vik Basalt Columns
- Blue Lagoon
- Waterfalls and Eyjafjallajokull

Day 2:
- Kerid Crater
- Basalt Columns

Day 3:
- Volcanic Eruption on Heimaey

Day 4:
- The Hotel & base for the trip (nights 1-3)
Day 1: The Western Volcanic Zone
Gunnuhver hot springs
Gunnuhver hot springs
Blue Lagoon
The Blue Lagoon
Day 2: Heimaey

- As part of our tour of the island we will be able to go on a boat trip around the island.
- We will also ascend the volcano that erupted in 1973.
Killer Whales off Heimaey in 2014
At the top of the Eldfell volcano looking towards the mainland
Walking back into the crater
There is an option to go swimming on Heimaey – the pool is excellent. The outdoor area has slides and hot tubs; the inside area has a ‘proper’ swimming pool with diving boards.
Visit Gluggafoss once back on the mainland
The 40 metre Seljalandfoss waterfall cascading over the former sea cliff.
Skagafoss is even bigger—60 metres high! Once again, the waterfall cascades over a former sea cliff.
Day 4: Waterfalls, Glaciers & Basalt Columns
Mr Whelan drinking some glacial water!
The basalt columns (just like the Giant’s Causeway in Northern Ireland) near Vik.
Dyrholaey coastal arch
Day 4: Geysers, Waterfalls and Volcanic Craters
Not a scheduled stop, but the bus driver stopped at the waterfall at Faxi—often referred to as 'Iceland's Niagara'.
The Strokkur Geyser at Geysir did not disappoint as it ‘erupted’ to a height of 15 metres every 5 minutes or so. There is a bigger geyser at Geysir, but it only erupts twice a day—hopefully we will be lucky next time we go!
The Gulfoss (Golden Waterfall) was the most powerful waterfall we visited. The total drop of 40 metres, along with the impressive gorge that has been produced was breathtaking. The river was flowing with such force as it was being fed by the summer melt of the glacier.
Day 5: We will drive to the airport on the final afternoon having spent the morning in Reykjavík.
# Kit list and packing advice

- You should bring one bag to put in the hold and one bag to carry onto the plane.
- Possible kit list includes:

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N.B. *Camera and phones are taken at their own risk

- **NB: Packing:** Please pack some food and **your swimming kit on top of your luggage** which will go in the hold. We go swimming in the Blue Lagoon Spa before we get to the hotel!

Remember: **Functional and comfortable** ... not fashionable!

European plug adaptor!
Perhaps convert between £50-£60 into Icelandic Krona?

You may need to order this, but I had no problem getting it in M&S (Chichester) last year.

However, there is little need for much money as food is provided. Iceland is expensive though....
Read through the travel insurance document carefully – contact me if you have any queries. If your child has a pre-existing medical condition you might be required to inform the insurance company. Let me know too.

Medical issues – speak to one of us before you leave/ contact me by phone or email (conditions we need to know about/ medication arrangements etc.). Have things changed since you filled in the medical form? Please make changes to the medical form at the end.

Speak to me if you have any questions (if I don’t have the answer tonight I will get back to you).

Passports and EHIC cards will be collected a week before we go.

Full payment by 1st May 2019 please.