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Dear Parents/Guardians

BWS / SWGS Sixth Form Geology / Geography Field Trip to Iceland – April 2020

During the next academic year the Geology Department are planning an overseas field trip for Sixth Form students from BWS and SWGS to visit Iceland, building on our very successful recent expeditions. The trip will be to Western Iceland (the area adjacent to the capital, Reykjavik) and will enable the boys and girls to experience the rocks and landforms that are characteristic of one of the newest parts of the surface of the Earth. In particular, we will be visiting some of Iceland's famous volcanoes, seeing the tectonic and volcanological results of Iceland's position astride the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and we will also be observing the evidence for Iceland's complex history of changes of sea level and that of climate change. I am hoping that we will also be able to engage with the Icelandic Met Office, which carries the responsibility of monitoring all of the volcanic activity across the country (this is probably the most volcanically active area on Earth!). More details of the programme of activities for the trip will be available later in the Autumn Term. The logistics will be organised with the assistance of STA Travel.

The dates for the trip are set as Wednesday 1 April - Sunday 5 April 2020, with a very early departure on 1 April looking very likely. The likely cost for the trip will be around £1100.00, to include all travel (to/from Gatwick Airport, flights and transport whilst in country) in addition to accommodation and food, entry fees for exhibitions etc and insurance. We will be using good quality, fully catered hotel accommodation and we will have the services of specialist guides on a number of exciting expeditions. I will be able to confirm a more accurate costing once the flights are booked.

We are currently working with the travel agency to ensure that flights can be held, but in order for these to be confirmed I will need to know the number of students who wish to go on the trip.

Deposit deadline is Friday 4th October

There are 30 places available for this trip and receipt of the deposit will be taken to mean you wish to take up a place on the trip. However in the event that the trip is oversubscribed, 30 names will be drawn randomly and those pupils who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list and their deposits refunded. We will also, in due course, also be offering places to the students who join the BWS Sixth Form in September. **If you are allocated a place on the trip your payment will be regarded as a non-refundable deposit.**

PAYMENTS:

To pay please visit the BWS website and click the link for the WisePay finance portal or alternatively follow the WisePay link shown below. If you have any issues accessing WisePay please email Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk, Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment should contact the Finance Office on ext 260.

WisePay:- <https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=310816>

Your son will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information.

If you have any further questions about the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S D Smallwood'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

S D Smallwood
Geology Department