## **HENDON SCHOOL**

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'Learning Together Across the World'

## INTERNATIONAL OPPURTUNITIES

## Iceland 2025

Hendon Geography Department is organising a spectacular trip to Iceland for October 2025.

It will be 4 nights and 5 days, leaving before the October half term holiday. Iceland is a unique and special place as it is located on the mid Atlantic ridge which is the boundary between two major tectonic plates and there is plenty of evidence of tectonic activity.

There are huge cascading waterfalls, glaciers, thermal energy, hot springs, geysers (steam and water spouts), volcanoes (we will see extinct ones up close), and spectacular coastal landscapes, all of which we will see on our trip.

The trip is especially relevant for GSCE and A-Level Geography students who will be continuing to learn about plate tectonics, coastal landscapes, volcanoes, rivers and waterfalls.

The cost of the trip is based on projected prices at this point and is aprox £1300 per student. The cost will be spread over 4 installments and includes flights, accommodation, activities and food.

If you are interested please let Dr Lawy (Head of Geography) know your full name and form. The first installment is needed at the end of September 2024 to progress the booking.

## Japan Trip 2025

The Hendon School trip to Japan is a fantastic destination for Hendon students. It is an amazing opportunity to experience the infamous Japanese culture and to live with a Japanese family. The Japanese families look after our students like a member of their own family and friendships in many cases are made for life.

A whole 12 days long, this trip gives our students the chance to really embrace Japan and all it can offer; a beautiful blend of ancient traditions and cutting-edge technology. Listed below are the places we visit while in Tokyo to ensure a fun, educational, and memorable trip. Shibuya Crossing: Experience the world's busiest pedestrian crossing and the iconic Hachiko Statue.

Harajuku: Known for its quirky fashion, colourful street art, and shops like Takeshita Street. Akihabara: The go-to place for anime, manga, and electronics.

Tokyo Disneyland: Enjoy thrilling rides and magical experiences. Odaiba: Borderless digital art museum and the life-size Gundam statue. After 4 days we leave Tokyo and head to Hamamatsu, stopping to see Mt Fuji in all its majestic glory.

The exchange programme starts when we arrive at Konan High School where our students go to school for 4 days. They meet their host students and families with whom they stay for 7 nights.

All our students always say the host family experience is their most memorable part of their visit to Japan. And the tears that are shed when they have to leave reflect this. Many students mention this has been a life changing experience for them and in some cases some students are still in communication with their Japanese friends many years afterwards.

