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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**KS3 Azores Geography Field Trip**  
**Friday 18th - Tuesday 22nd October 2019 (October half term)**

BGS Geography department are excited to announce a new KS3 geography trip to our current Year 8 cohort (pupils will be in Y9 when this trip embarks). This trip is an optional overseas residential trip for 5 days and 4 nights (**Friday 18th October - Tuesday 22nd October 2019, October half term**) to the spectacular Azores. The Azores are created at the junction of three tectonic plates making the nine Portuguese islands of the Azores the perfect destination for an educational and inspirational geography trip.

The aims of this trip are to provide pupils with an insight into real world geography. In the Azores, pupils will explore bubbling hot volcanic springs, swim in geothermal pools, walk around the vast greenery of the Azores' volcanic landscape and explore Europe's only tea plantations. These experiences will supplement and underpin the KS3 and GCSE syllabuses, as well as providing pupils with a sense of awe and wonder about the world they live in. We are also hopeful that an activity of whale and dolphin watching will be available for pupils to see these fantastic animals in their natural environment.

Prices quoted for the trip include all travel, accommodation and meals in the Azores, as well as return flights from London Heathrow (plus transfers). At this time prices **are approximate** and although we will do our best to ensure they do not increase please bear in mind a price increase may be unavoidable. The cost of this trip is approximately **£830 per student**. Final cost will be confirmed in October once flights are released.

If you would like your child to attend this trip please log into your Parentpay account to pay the **£300 deposit by Friday 12th October** to secure your child's place. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis on receipt of the deposit. If we exceed the maximum number of places, your child will be placed on a waiting list.

N.B. There are language trips available for your child for the summer of 2020, so please think about these when considering costs. Your child **can** attend both.

If you would like further information about the trip then please contact me via the school office. For more information about the Azores and the trip, please visit:

<https://www.discover-the-world.co.uk/study-trips/azores>

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ashman

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