

Geography Department Autumn 2017

Once again the geography department has been busy organising and running a wide range of activities and visits for students across the school.



The highlight of the term was the department's **fifth** visit to Iceland. Just before the ½ term break, 22 students took the 3 hour flight and experienced the wonder of thundering waterfalls,

spouting hot (*and smelly*) geysers, a walk up and around a 1000 year old volcano, crashing Atlantic Ocean waves and much, much more.



Although rather cold and wet, the weather wasn't too extreme – enabling us to do everything on our itinerary and allowing us to see the captivating 'northern lights' on our first evening staying in the south of the country.



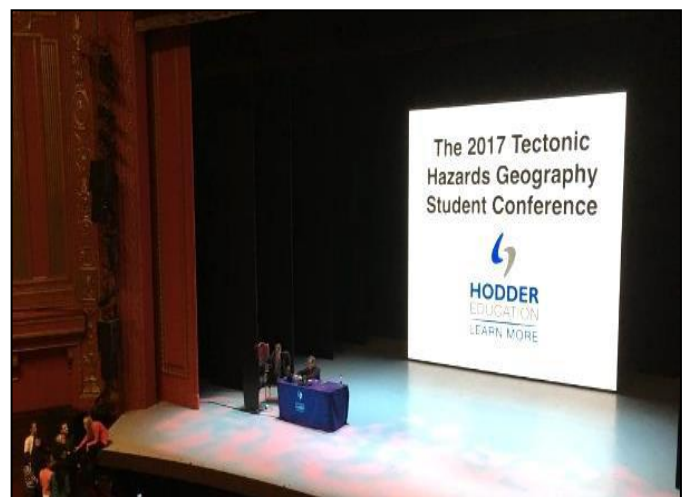
A huge thank you to all parents – the group had a fantastic time. We are already booked in for next year's visit – our largest group to date - 44 students!

Apart from the chilly winds of Iceland, Year 11 geography students got to experience the fresh air of the Essex coastline whilst on their fieldtrip to Walton-on-the-Naze.

The purpose of the visit was to develop a wide variety of data collection methods and think about the skills relating to geographical enquiry – all very important for the new exams coming up next summer.



Finally, this year we were very fortunate to get tickets for the 'tectonic hazards conference' – an event held each year for A Level Geography students. The Year 13 class spent the day in central London listening to a range of lectures relating to aspects of what they have been studying this term. It also gave them a valuable insight into the style of learning they should expect at University next year!



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