



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Geography Residential Visit to Italy – Easter 2023

We are pleased to bring you details of the optional Year 10 GCSE Geography residential visit to Italy, which is planned for Easter 2023. The trip is not a compulsory part of the Geography GCSE course, but will be a very stimulating and enjoyable experience for the students and will greatly benefit their knowledge and understanding of several of the core themes on the examination syllabus. We hope that it will be a real highlight of the GCSE Geography course for many students. The visit will be run by the Geography Department in conjunction with 'European Study Tours', a company with full ABTA and ATOL licences. We also have full COVID insurance, further details of which can be found at <https://www.euro-study-tours.co.uk/customer-promise>

Details for this optional visit are as follows:

Dates:	Saturday 1 April – Wednesday 5 April 2023
Hotel:	Grand Hotel Flora, Sorrento
Cost:	In the region of £940

The final cost will be confirmed in the Autumn Term, once flight details have been finalised. We hope that the final cost will be less than that quoted here, but please be aware that it may also be higher subject to flight prices.

During this visit, we hope to visit a range of geographically significant places including Mount Vesuvius, Herculaneum, Capri, Positano and Amalfi. Students will also have time to explore Sorrento. Full details, including the final itinerary, will be confirmed in 2023. However, the cost does include return coach travel from school to a London airport, return flights to Italy, half board accommodation, coach transfers in Italy and all excursions. Please be aware that some spending money will need to be set aside for lunches while we are away, as we have opted for a half-board package.

COVID Vaccine Requirements

We are unable to guarantee or predict what the requirements will be with regards to Covid vaccination requirements for travel to and from Italy in April 2023. By paying the deposit you are committing to follow Government guidelines and, if not followed, it will be viewed by the insurance company as 'disinclination to travel' and any monies paid will not be refunded.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, please make a deposit payment of **£150 via WisePay by 9.00am on Friday 10 June 2022**. A payment schedule will subsequently be issued to those students offered a place. This trip has proved very popular in previous years and, if we cannot offer a place to every student who applies, we will set up a reserve list. Priority will be given to those students who have an excellent behaviour record. If your child is not offered a place at this stage, then your deposit payment will be refunded. Further details will follow once the visit has been confirmed, but please be aware that one further instalment will be required before the end of the summer term.

In addition to paying the deposit, please complete this [CONSENT FORM](#), giving full details as required, **by 9.00am on Friday 10 June 2022**. Places will only be offered to those students who have a completed consent form. Please contact Mr Bunce (h.bunce@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) if you have any issues completing this form by the deadline.

Please be aware that this trip overlaps with the PSV and Oranje Rood HC Eindhoven Football and Hockey trip, so it will not be possible for students to take part in both trips.

There will also be a compulsory field trip for all GCSE Geography students early in Year 11. This field trip is linked to Paper 3 of the GCSE course (Geographical Investigations) and will cost in the region of £150 - £200.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration. While we hope this will be a successful and enjoyable trip, student behaviour is paramount both on the trip and in the lead up to the trip in and around school. Places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's [Behaviour policy](#) during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. If your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations during the trip, then you will be asked to make arrangements to collect your child from Italy at your own expense.

Should you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to email h.bunce@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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