



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

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Dear Parents and Carers

## GCSE Geography Residential Visit to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples – Easter 2025

As your child has opted to study GCSE Geography, we are pleased to bring you details of the **optional** Year 10 GCSE Geography residential visit to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples area in Italy, planned for Easter 2025.

Please note that, this replaces the proposed Amsterdam trip that was promoted during the GCSE Options Evening. Due to unforeseen price increases, we have decided to revert to offering a trip to the Sorrento region; as you may be aware we have run Year 10 trips to this area for a number of years. When considering the cost and comparing the educational benefit of each location, we are confident that offering a trip to the Sorrento region is the correct decision.

**This trip is not a compulsory part of the Geography GCSE course**, but an enrichment opportunity for students with a particular interest in Geography to see and experience some of the Geography they have learned about in the classroom and support several of the core geographical themes on the examination syllabus. However, **please be assured that no student will be at a disadvantage if they do not go on this trip.**

The visit to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples will be run by the Geography Department in conjunction with Travelbound, a company with full ABTA and ATOL bonding.

Details for this optional visit are as follows:

<b>Dates:</b>	Saturday 5 April – Wednesday 9 April 2025
<b>Hotel:</b>	Hotel Tourist, Sorrento
<b>Cost:</b>	In the region of £1 050 to £1 100

*The final cost will be confirmed in the Autumn Term, once our accommodation has been confirmed and our flight details are finalised. We hope that the final cost will be less than the cost quoted here, but please be aware that it may also be higher as it is subject to flight prices and other variables.*

During this visit we hope to visit a range of geographically significant places, including Mount Vesuvius, Herculaneum, Capri and Amalfi. Students will also have some time in Sorrento. Full details, including the final itinerary, will be confirmed in early 2025. The cost of the trip will include return coach travel from school to a London airport, return flights to Italy, half board accommodation, coach transfers in Italy, all excursions and a contribution towards staffing costs. Please be aware that some spending money will need to be set aside for lunches whilst we are away, as we have opted for a half-board package.

*Nemo sibi nascitur:*

*Our values of community, aspiration and opportunity enable every individual to grow and flourish*

We reserve the right to refuse a place if the student is not an excellent ambassador of the school. Any student who does not show exceptional behaviour in and around school may be refused a place on the trip. Please also be aware that we have to meet a threshold of student numbers to enable this trip to run. If we have insufficient demand, we will not be able to run this trip. Likewise, if we have too many students who wish to take part, we will have to operate a reserve list as we have an optimum number of students to make this trip as cost-effective as possible. Places will be allocated at the discretion of the school and we will not enter into discussions about why students have or haven't been allocated a place.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, please make a deposit payment of **£200** via **WisePay** (under Trips & Visits) **by no later than 9.00am on Monday 15 April 2024**. *If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the Finance Office in confidence before **Wednesday 27 March** to discuss this.*

If your child is allocated a place on this trip, you will receive confirmation early in the summer term. Please then adhere to the payment schedule below, to enable us to pay the travel company as required:

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Deposit Payment	£200	Monday 15 April 2024
Payment Two	£200	Monday 3 June 2024
Payment Three	£200	Friday 5 July 2024
Payment Four	£250	Friday 4 October 2024
Final Payment	£250*	Monday 4 November 2024

*\* Final payment amount will be confirmed in the Autumn Term.*

Please be aware that all payments are non-refundable once your child's place has been confirmed on the trip, unless a replacement can be found to fill the place. We reserve the right to withhold any funds paid to cover name change fees, as dictated by the airline. If your child does not secure a place on this trip, then deposit monies will be refunded.

In addition to making the deposit payment, please also complete this [Medical Form](#) and give full details as required. We will not offer a place to students if the medical form has not been completed **by 9.00am on Monday 15 April 2024**. If you have any problems, please email [h.bunce@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:h.bunce@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

**Please be aware that:**

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

Should you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing: [h.bunce@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:h.bunce@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



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