

29 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Geography Residential Visit to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples – Easter 2027

Thank you to those parents who completed the Expression of Interest form last week. We are pleased to provide details of the **optional** Year 10 GCSE Geography residential visit to Sorrento and the Bay of Naples area in Italy, planned for Easter 2027.

This visit 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 take part in this trip.**

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

The details for this optional visit are as follows:

Provisional Dates: Monday 29 March – Friday 2 April 2027*

Provisional Hotel: Hotel Ascot, Sorrento

Cost: In the region of £1445**

*	Please note that the dates may change and we may fly out on Saturday 27 or Sunday 28 March, which will be based around flight prices, to ensure best value for money. Students will still be away for 5 days and 4 nights. As soon as the actual dates are confirmed, we will send confirmation in writing.
**	The final cost will be confirmed in the Autumn term, once our accommodation is confirmed and our flight details are finalised.

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 March 2027. 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, 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.

Please be aware that we require an optimum number of students to sign up to make this trip cost-effective and enable it to run. If we have insufficient demand, we will not be able to run this trip. Likewise, if too many students wish to take part, we will operate a reserve list. Places will be allocated at the discretion of the school and we will not enter into discussions about why students have not been allocated a place. 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 this trip.

If your child would like to be considered for a place on this trip, please make the deposit payment of **£200** via [WisePay](#) (under Trips & Visits) **by no later than Friday 8 May 2026**. *If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the Finance Office in confidence before **Friday 8 May**.*

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

Instalment	Amount Due	Due Date
Deposit Payment	£200	Friday 8 May 2026
Payment Two	£245	Friday 5 June 2026
Payment Three	£200	Friday 3 July 2026
Payment Four	£200	Friday 7 August 2026
Payment Five	£200	Friday 4 September 2026
Payment Six	£200	Friday 2 October 2026
Final Payment	£200*	Friday 6 November 2026

** Final payment amount will be confirmed once flights are secured and the tour price is confirmed.*

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 the [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 Friday 8 May 2026**. If you have any problems in this regard, please email 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 £250.

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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