



2024 PRE & History Trip to Rome Y11 & 13

Date: Saturday 17th – Weds 21st February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The PRE and History Department is planning to run an educational trip to Rome to support the KS4 RE and KS5 Philosophy and Ethics and History curriculum and enrich the learning experience for our students. We feel that actually seeing the areas that students are learning about will be a worthwhile and give context to their learning. The aims are to develop a deeper understanding of the origins and history of Christianity, gain an understanding of the power and influence of religion, consider the different religious beliefs that existed in Roman times, explore the theme of persecution of people due to their religious beliefs and see an abundance of religious art and architecture. We will visit Appian Way and Catacombs Appian Way, Catacombs San Sebastiano visit with guide, Colosseum Palatine Museum and Foro Romano, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Vatican City and St Peters Square, Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. It should be noted that although the trip will be a highly valuable experience, students who do not attend will not be hampered in their curriculum.

The four-night, five-day trip will **cost approximately £800 per student**, dependent on numbers and flight availability. The cost includes coach transfers to Gatwick or Heathrow, air travel, half board accommodation, excursions, administration and insurance (please note that personal items such as mobile phones and cameras are not covered on the school's insurance policy). These costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions.

To secure your son/daughter's place on this trip, please submit your permission below no later than 14th July 2023. We will also require a £250 deposit to be paid via ParentPay no later than 14th July 2023. We would like to apologise for the short deposit payment window, which is unfortunately necessary to secure the flight bookings.





Further instalments are due as follows:

2nd instalment: £250 due by 29th September 2023

Final Balance: approximately £300 due by 8th December 2023.

Please note that as spaces are limited, if this trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated based on the Time/date stamp of your Operoo permission response. If minimum trip numbers are not met, this trip will not go ahead and deposits will be fully refunded.

In cases of financial hardship, please contact me in confidence by Monday 10th July the very latest. The school can assist you to apply for financial assistance to a local charity.

Passports/GHIC

Students will need a valid passport, which is less than 10 years old from date of issue, with a minimum of 3 months validity beyond the dates of the trip, and a valid GHIC Card. If you need to apply for a GHIC card, please click [here](#). We will send a request for copies of these to be submitted after the school holidays.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you must notify us in writing immediately and you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact the trip leader Mrs Harvey or myself if you require any further information.

Kind Regards

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Permission Slip

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Acceptance * Yes, I give permission for _____ to travel to Rome on the above trip and confirm their Operoo care profile is up to date. I understand that my deposit is non-refundable and that any cancellation must be put in writing to the Finance Office. Furthermore, I understand that I will be liable for any cancellation charges should my son/daughter withdraw from the trip. Having read the trip letter, I confirm that I am aware that the quoted trip price may change depending on flights available at the time of booking.

Accept / Decline (please delete as appropriate)

Your Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

