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28 June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Italy: Rome and the Bay of Naples Friday 29 March 2024 – Thursday 4 April 2024**

We are delighted to be arranging a pioneering visit to Italy, Rome and the Bay of Naples for our students. Our main focus is to experience the rich and exciting culture of Rome and the tranquil beauty of the Bay of Naples. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Ancient Colosseum, the Vatican City, Pompeii, Herculaneum, Vesuvius and the beautiful Island of Capri. The visit and activities will offer insights into a different culture, and country, as well as the chance to visit world famous locations.

Please find attached details of the places we propose to visit during the trip.

The visit will take place during the Easter Holiday and I will be leading the trip. Our accommodation will be situated in tourist class hotels in Rome and Sorrento.

The cost of the trip is £1160 per student. Unfortunately, the school budget is unable to fund trips and they are only possible if all parents are willing to contribute. This works out at 7 monthly payments of £145 (beginning 4 August 2023) and an initial deposit of £145 (non-refundable to be paid by Friday 7 July 2023). This includes return flights, entrance fees, guide and coach, accommodation, breakfast and evening meal, a trip hoodie as well as all activities throughout the trip. The payment schedule for this trip will be as follows:

7 July 2023 - £145 initial deposit (non-refundable)  
4 August 2023 - £145  
1 September 2023 - £145  
6 October 2023 - £145  
3 November 2023 - £145  
1 December 2023 - £145  
5 January 2024 - £145  
2 February 2024 - £145

All payments must be completed before the trip takes place. Payment for the trip will be spread over the coming months (as outlined above) or, if preferred, may be paid in full at the start.

There are 40 places available and therefore the trip is open to current Year 9 students who have opted to take History at GCSE in the first instance. Should further places be available they will be offered to the remainder of the year group.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at [finance@wildern.org](mailto:finance@wildern.org).

**If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay consent section accompanied by a payment of £145.00 by Friday 7 July 2023.**

Medical forms will be asked for once places are confirmed.

**There are 40 places available.** In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

**Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.**

We look forward to an extremely enjoyable time!

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Morrison**  
Trip Leader