



Tuesday 11th June

Dear Parent / Guardian

Visit to Sicily Easter 2020

The Classics team is proposing to take a visit to Sicily during the Easter holiday 2020. This follows the very successful Classics visits to Turkey, Italy, Greece, Bath and Hadrian's Wall in recent years.

This visit will be of particular interest to students studying Latin and/or Classics, but will also appeal to anyone with an interest in History, Geography, Politics, Art or Archaeology. As such, it is open to students in all Year Groups and Colleges. It will last 4 nights and 5 days: the first night of the trip will be spent in Agrigento and the next three nights will be spent in Giardini Naxos on the beachfront. While we are there, we will visit many sites including Mount Etna, the Valley of the Temples, Syracuse, Palermo, Piazza Armerina and Taormina. There will be activities such as pizza making, shopping trips and potential beach excursions.

The cost of the visit will be approximately **£780**, which will include all travel, accommodation, entrance fees, insurance and guides, as well as breakfast and evening meals. The cost may rise or fall slightly depending on numbers and flights. Students will be required to buy their own lunches during the trip and should bring money for gifts and souvenirs.

If you wish your child to participate in this trip, please pay a **deposit of £150** via Parentpay by **Friday 5th July**. You will also need to complete the electronic consent form via Parent Pay when making the payment. It will be possible to pay the deposits from **9:00 am on Monday 17th June**. Parents will then need to pay a further four instalments between now and the end of the year. The exact deadlines for this will be announced once numbers and timings are confirmed. All payments must be made via Parentpay.

When allocating places we will look at those students who will be studying Classics or Latin next year, the age of the students and the speed in which the deposit were received. We urge students to check which of their friends are going before signing up for the trip. We will not be confirming places for the trip until after the deadline for deposits has passed. Depending on demand, we will either run one trip for all years or two trips, featuring a senior and a junior trip. If a student's application is not successful, we will refund their deposit and put them on a waiting list for the trip.

Yours faithfully

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