

22 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re. Sorrento, Italy Trip 2023. For students currently in Year 10 studying Geography or Year 9 students who have chosen GCSE Geography.

Your child has the exciting opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Sorrento, Italy from **Saturday 1 April to Wednesday 5 April 2023**. The trip will include the chance to walk to the crater of Mount Vesuvius and to see the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. We will also take a ferry out to visit the Island of Capri which will include a boat ride around the island giving students the chance to see a range of coastal features. Furthermore, we have an ice-cream making demonstration booked and a visit to a working farm with pizza making. This visit will support your child's GCSE studies – specifically natural hazards and coasts and hopefully bring to life things they will study in class. We will stay in a hotel in Sorrento (half board) and travel out to places by coach each day.

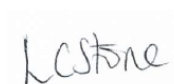
The estimated cost of this trip is **£910** which is dependent on flights and the cost of the coach transfer. The cost includes all travel (in the UK and Italy), accommodation and all meals, insurance and entrance fees. Students will need their own passport and it is important to check that any current passports they have will be valid for travel next year. Their passports must have been issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country and valid for at least 3 months after the day we plan to leave. We would need to see the passport to take a photocopy of them before Christmas to be able to fill in the passenger manifest. Further details to follow.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please complete the permission slip attached and return to the finance office by **Friday 27 May**. There are only 45 places available for students and this has been a very popular trip in the past so I recommend returning the form to put your name down for the trip as soon as possible. After the Friday deadline, if we have more than 45 students for the trip then student names will be placed in a ballot. You will then receive confirmation of your child's place on Monday 6 June. Once confirmed you will be required to pay a **deposit of £275** per person by **Wednesday 8 June** to secure your child's place on the trip. It is important that this deadline is met so that flights and accommodation can be secured and any price increases will be avoided. Please pay either via Scopay, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone). If you are currently receiving free school meals please tick the box on the attached form as funds are available to cover the cost of the trip.

Once deposits are collected, a letter will be sent out informing you of the final cost and the instalment dates for the remaining balance. If you have any questions regarding the visit please do not hesitate to contact the school.

With regard to Covid, we will obviously check the FCDO advice at the time of travel.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Stone
Teacher of Geography



The Castle School

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Trip to Sorrento – Easter 2023

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Italy from Saturday 1 April to Wednesday 5 April 2023.

I am currently receiving the Free School Meals.

Student's name..... Form.....

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date