

29 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Humanities Study Visit to Rome and The Vatican City
Monday 26 – Thursday 29 October 2026

The Humanities Department are organising a study visit to Rome and the Vatican City for any interested students. The purpose of the visit is both religious and historical, as we visit the epicentre of Catholicism at the Sistine Chapel as well as being immersed in the ancient culture of the city.

The visit will take place during the October 2026 half term. We will be staying for 3 nights in a hotel in a central location on a half board basis. We will be visiting a number of sites including:

- Ostia Antica.
- San Callisto Catacombs.
- Guided visit to the Colosseum and Forum.
- Vatican Museums.
- Capitoline Museums.
- The Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon.

The estimated cost of this trip is **£999** which is dependent on flights and the cost of coach transfer. The cost will include all travel (in the UK and Italy), accommodation and all meals, excursions and travel insurance. Students may bring a small amount of spending money, but they will have to be responsible for this.

Students will need their own passport and it is important to check that these are 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 6 months after the day we plan to leave. It is also advised that your child has a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which is the replacement for the EHIC. If your child already has an EHIC and it will still be in date when we travel, then it will still be valid. Otherwise, you should apply for a GHIC, free of charge online at: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this visit, please complete the slip attached and return to Student Reception by the end of school on **Thursday 9 October** to show your interest. As there are only 36 spaces we recommend returning the form as soon as possible. After the Thursday

deadline, if we have more than 36 students for the trip, student names will be placed in a ballot. You will receive confirmation of your child's place by Friday 10 October.

Once confirmed, you will be required to pay a **deposit of £125** per person by **Monday 13 October**. Payments can be made through Arbor only. If you are currently receiving free school meals please tick the box below 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 instalment dates for the remaining balance. As soon as we have final costings we will let you know. We will try to keep any increases to a minimum.

Please note, for historians there will be a Berlin/Krakow visit in Easter 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely



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I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in this trip.

I am currently receiving Free School Meals.

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Student's name

Form

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Date