

# St Crispin's School

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10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Sixth Form Humanities Trip to Italy- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Students in Year 12 and Year 13, studying Geography, History and/or Philosophy and Ethics, have a new opportunity to go on a week's fieldtrip to Italy, where they will experience activities that are relevant to all subjects. These range from Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii, to Herculaneum and Sorrento, the battlefields of Calatafimi and Porta di San Pancrazio, and many fantastic sites in Rome. The students will be able to develop their subject knowledge, as well as extend their learning beyond the classroom, enriching their wider understanding of the Humanities. For Geography this trip will support, enrich and enhance students' understanding linked to both human and physical geography topics, especially Hazardous Earth and Changing Spaces, Making Places. For History students it will develop students' understanding surrounding the Italian Unification unit; and for Philosophy and Ethics it will support both the Philosophy of Religion and Development in Religious Thought exams.

**Please note that this trip coincides with the Music and Drama trip to Noordwijk.**

A brief itinerary is outlined below, and I will go into much greater detail about the trip in an Information Evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6pm in the Lecture Theatre.

Day 1- Transfer from St. Crispin's School to Gatwick Airport and fly to Palermo Airport. Spend the afternoon on a guided tour of the battlefields of Calatafimi.

Day 2- Guided visit around the Roman villa at Casale and then drive to Mount Etna. Spend the afternoon in Rifugio Sapienza and taking the cable car up to 2,600m.

Day 3- Guided visit around Pompeii, Herculaneum and Mount Vesuvius. Transfer to Sorrento for the evening.

Day 4- Guided visit of the Phlegrean Fields, Pozzuoli and Solfatara. Afternoon to visit the Royal Palace of Caserta, Abbey of Montecassino and Commonwealth War Graves cemeteries. Transfer to Rome by coach.

Day 5- Rome- focus on Garibaldi. Guided visit of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Garibaldi tour continues in the afternoon focusing on the Monument to Victor Emmanuel II, Gianicolo Park and the battlefields of Porto di San Pancrazio and Janiculum.

Day 6- Rome- Vatican City, Vatican museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica

Day 7- Rome- Ostia Beach and Ostia Antica archaeological site. Evening transfer to airport and fly back to Gatwick. Transfer to St. Crispin's for pick up later in the evening from school.

The provisional cost for the trip will be £1530 and this includes all flights, transfers, accommodation, activities, tour guides and most meals. Please note, the final cost may go up or down depending on final numbers and whether the costs of the flights change. The Geography, History and Religious Studies departments understand that this is a significant cost, but believe that this represents good value for money and will provide your son/daughter with a stimulating and varied environment in which to enjoy and enrich their studies.

The cost **does not** include the following:

- Spending money
- Passport - all students wishing to go on this trip must have a full valid passport
- Any visa that maybe required
- EHIC Medical Card
- Lunches
- Breakfast on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and dinner on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

If you wish your son/daughter to reserve a place on this trip, please make payment of the deposit of £200 by Tucasi (*see Reply/Payment slip for payment procedures*) and complete the consent form by clicking on the link below by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

**PLEASE COMPLETE CONSENT FORM HERE – CLICK BELOW**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vZ1d0Ek7uUebLtY-odObbmK5\\_082HfFHu3JDN05LcaFUNIVCNUGws09WRUkzV0hBNjFKQzU1Rkg2QS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vZ1d0Ek7uUebLtY-odObbmK5_082HfFHu3JDN05LcaFUNIVCNUGws09WRUkzV0hBNjFKQzU1Rkg2QS4u)

A subsequent EV2 Health and Contact form will be sent out 2 months before the trip.

Subsequent payments will be due as follows: -

Second payment of £300 due by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Third payment of £340 due by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Fourth payment of £350 due by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

The final payment of approximately £340 due by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

If you would prefer to meet the cost of this trip using a payment plan, then please contact Mrs Mellor in the Finance Office, and we will endeavour to meet your needs as best as possible.

Once your son/daughter has been accepted on to this trip you will be liable for the full cost if they subsequently choose to withdraw.

On all visits, students are expected to abide by the School's Behaviour Policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,

Miss M. Salter  
Trip Leader/Head of Geography

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**Payment Procedures** – We ask you to use the on-line payment system to pay for this particular trip/activity if possible. Payments can be made online by debit or credit card. However, we would be very grateful if you could use a debit card as the school is charged a higher fee for payments by credit card. If you have an online account, please proceed as normal. If you have not previously created an online account please email [onlinepayments@crispins.co.uk](mailto:onlinepayments@crispins.co.uk) to request a Pupil Link Code and a list of instructions. If you choose to pay by cheque please ensure that the student's name, form and the name of the trip / activity are clearly written on the back of the cheque, which should be made payment to '**St Crispin's School**'. If paying by cash it must be in a sealed envelope with the student's name, form, amount enclosed, trip/activity clearly written on the outside.

This trip is an optional visit and the school asks that the payment is made as a voluntary contribution to cover the cost. In the event that we are unable to cover the costs the trip may have to be cancelled. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for this visit a written request for support should be submitted to the school office. The school's policy for charging for school activities, including trips, can be found [here](#).

Please note that parents are responsible for the prompt collection/return home of students after the visit.

Please be aware that your emergency contact details are uploaded to a password protected website so that a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Local Authority can access information in the event of an emergency. These details include only names and telephone numbers submitted on your Broadmoor form. If you do not want your details stored in this way please notify the school.