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Dear Parents/Guardian

ROME TRIP 27th February – 1st March 2025



Vatican City, Rome

The Philosophy and Ethics department is delighted to be able to offer an overseas trip to Rome, Italy, to enhance their current and future study within the subject. There will be **30 spaces available** on the trip.

For the GCSE, students will engage with fundamental beliefs and practices of the Christian Church. As a department, we are excited to give students the opportunity to visit Rome, including Vatican City and other areas of religious and cultural interest to contextualise their learning.

Itinerary and Accommodation

To include:

- Vatican City including the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St Peters Basilica
- The Catacombs of St Agnes/St Callixtus
- Colosseum
- Trevi fountain
- Roman Forum
- Palatine Hill
- Basilica of St Clemente
- Circus Maximus
- The Pantheon
- The Spanish Steps



Trevi Fountain, Rome

Our accommodation will be a 3-star hotel on a half board basis.



Cost

The total cost of the trip will be **£650.00** per student. This includes return flights, travel insurance, transfer to the hotel, hotel accommodation on a half board basis and all activities across the trip. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals we can offer this trip to you at a reduced rate of **£487.50**. Your child will also need to bring spending money to cover the cost of buying their lunches and refreshments for the journey to and from Rome. They may also bring a small amount of money to spend on souvenirs if they wish.

Payments

Payments should be made on line through ParentPay. You will also need to tick the consent box to provide permission for your child to attend. If you have mislaid your ParentPay log in details please contact the school.

The total cost will be divided into the following payment schedule:

By Monday 10th June 2024 - Initial deposit of £250.00 (FSM £187.50)

It is important to note that if your child is selected to go on the trip that the non-refundable deposit must be paid on or before the deadline to secure your child's place.

Monday 15th July 2024	£150.00 (FSM £100.00)
Monday 2nd September 2024	£75.00 (FSM £50.00)
Monday 7th October 2024	£75.00 (FSM £50.00)
Monday 6th January 2025	£50.00 (FSM £50.00)
Monday 3rd February 2025	£50.00 (FSM £50.00)

It is important that the payment schedule is adhered to and although we appreciate that these deadlines are very tight they are set by the travel company to secure the flights and the hotel. If these deadlines are not met then additional charges may be added to the overall cost.

Therefore, late payment of the deposit or balance could jeopardise the trip.

We ask you to register your commitment to the trip by no later than 12pm on **Tuesday 4th June 2024**. There are limited places available on this trip and priority will be given to students who are studying GCSE Philosophy & Ethics. If the number of requests outweigh the number of places available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness.

Please note that once places have been confirmed, payments will be non-returnable unless the trip is cancelled by the school. **Students must have a valid passport to be able to attend** this needs to be valid for 6+months before/after the trip.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for The Stonehenge School records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. If your child is either asthmatic or anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

Students must understand that their behaviour around school and in lessons will be taken into account when deciding if they are suitable for the trip, as good behaviour and co-operation is necessary when taking part in a trip abroad. If the school feels that your child could present a safeguarding risk they will be removed from the trip and a refund will not be guaranteed.

We hope that you will support this exciting opportunity for your child.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Griffiths and Miss H Bridewell
Personal Development Curriculum Lead and Teacher of Philosophy & Ethics

