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Dear Parents

June 2017

RE: Year 10 trip to Sorrento, Italy 2018

The Geography Department at St John Fisher School aims to provide many fieldwork and enrichment opportunities for our students. Therefore we are planning a trip to Sorrento, Italy for our Year 10 GCSE Geography students. This trip is an enrichment trip and it will be an excellent opportunity for students to experience one of the most stunning areas of Europe, witness parts of the dramatic coastline and enjoy the magnificent views across the Bay of Naples. Sorrento is shadowed by the towering volcano, Mount Vesuvius, and it will be a fantastic opportunity for us to bring the AQA GCSE Geography course to life by seeing first hand the effects of tectonic activity by visiting the Roman cities of Pompeii, which were destroyed by the volcano in 79AD but have been preserved for posterity. The trip has been planned so that we fly to Naples and stay in Piano Di Sorrento. The trip will develop an understanding of other cultures and will focus on the effects of tourism which is a key element of the AQA Geography syllabus.

The trip is planned to take place in the summer term from Monday 9th July 2018 and will return on Friday 13th July 2018. We are using the company 'WST Travel' to organise our visit who have won the award for 'Best School Tour Operator 2016/17'. The trip will be accompanied by members of staff from school who have a vast experience of school trips and international trips.

The cost of the trip will be £750 and includes the following:

- ATOL protected return flights with Monarch airlines from Leeds Bradford airport to Naples.
- 1 piece of hold baggage per person, subject to airline weight and dimension restrictions.
- 1 piece of hand baggage per person, subject to airline weight and dimension restrictions.
- All government, airline and third party taxes and charges.
- 4 nights Full Board hotel accommodation in Sorrento at the La Ripetta Hotel, Piano di Sorrento.
- Return transfers from hotel accommodation to Naples airport.
- Private coach and driver for journeys to tours including the Amalfi Drive, Vesuvius, Pompeii and Solfatara.
- Pizza and Ice-cream making experience.
- Guided tour to Pompeii and Vesuvius.
- Travel Insurance as provided by North Yorkshire County Council's school trips policy.

Students will need to bring with them some spending money to pay for soft drinks with meals, food and snacks required during travel and souvenir spending money. A recommended amount will be discussed at the parents information evening at a later date.

As with all school trips, health and safety is a priority and we expect the highest of standards of behaviour throughout the duration of the trip. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend a parents information evening at a later date where more information will be available regarding the trip and the planned itinerary once numbers for the group are finalised.

If you would like your son or daughter to participate in this trip then we will need a non- refundable deposit of £100 to secure and confirm places with the tour company before **Monday 3rd July 2017**. Deposit and





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instalment payments should be made via Parent Pay. Further payments for the trip should be made via instalments according to the schedule listed below:

- £200 by **11th September 2017**
- £200 by **1st November 2017**
- £150 by **1st February 2018**
- £100 by **1st March 2018**

Please complete the form below and return to school along with the £100 deposit which can be paid on parent pay. Please ask your son or daughter to hand the form in to Mr Chatten in the Geography department by Monday 3rd July 2017. Places are limited on this trip so if the trip is oversubscribed then a random selection will be taken and those who are unsuccessful will have their deposits refunded.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Robert Chatten
Teacher of Geography

I would like my son/daughter (print name) _____ to take part in the Sorrento trip in July 2018.

I have made a non-refundable deposit payment of £100 via parent pay and agree to make the additional payments for the trip on or before the instalment dates listed in the letter provided.

My e-mail address is: _____

Signed: _____





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