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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**RS, ART & PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO ROME**  
**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

We are delighted to offer your son the opportunity to take part in a new trip to Rome next academic year. This trip is principally designed to expand his knowledge and understanding of many topics associated with RS, ART and PSYCHOLOGY; it is open to all students currently in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in exploring these three subjects. Alongside this it also gives him the great opportunity to visit one of the most traditional and vibrant cities in the world. Those taking A levels or GCSEs in any of the subjects will get to see the impact of cultural variations and religious beliefs on art and behavior, whilst also seeing the impact of media on these. All of this will help to expand their view of these subjects and develop key understanding of them within a real-life setting.

The provisional cost of the trip is between £ 835 and £900 (including a £50 flight contingency) dependent on the number of students who sign up.

The trip will include:

- 4 days and 3 nights in Rome
- Half board (breakfast and evening meal) accommodation
  - Hotel Archimede
- School travel insurance
- NST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour
- Visits to various sites in Rome including:
  - Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano
  - Baths of Diocletian
  - Castel Sant'Angelo
  - Catacombs
  - Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna
  - Colosseum
  - Pantheon
  - St Peter's Basilica
  - Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel

The cost of the trip is based on an expected travel party of 30-50 students and up to 5 staff. This will give the trip an excellent staff to student ratio of 1:10. A parents' meeting will be arranged later in the term for those students who sign up for the trip, in order to give out more detailed information.

In addition to the tour cost, your son would need sufficient spending money to pay for lunchtime meals, travel in Rome if we choose to use it and souvenirs. They would also be required to have a current passport, which has at least 6 months left on its expiry date.

To secure a place for your son on this trip, please log on to Parent Pay and pay the deposit of £100 by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence and I will see if there is any funding available to assist you. We may also be able to arrange an alternative payment plan. Please note, as the School is required to make non-refundable payments to the trip provider, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip once his place is confirmed.

Further expected payments will be approximately £200 on a monthly basis, before the final payment deadline in July. A letter with a more detailed breakdown of payments will be sent out once the trip, and therefore the cost, has been confirmed.

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 45 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

If you or your son has any questions about the trip do get in contact with Mr Webb ([jxw@rgshw.com](mailto:jxw@rgshw.com)), Mrs Watson ([jmw@rgshw.com](mailto:jmw@rgshw.com)) or Mrs Francis ([gcf@rgshw.com](mailto:gcf@rgshw.com)).

Kind regards,

Mr Webb, Mrs Watson & Ms Francis  
Trip Leaders (RS/Psychology/Art)