



June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Humanities Tour of Rome - 19th – 22nd March 2019

As part of our commitment to enrichment, we are excited to once again offer a 4 day school tour to Rome through the NST tour group, to support our curriculum for Humanities students and enhance learning experiences within the school. For part of the itinerary we will be visiting the Catacombs, the Vatican and Sistine Chapel, the Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum, Forum, Palatine Hill and a day trip to the ruins of Pompeii.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- 4 days and 3 nights
- Departs on Tuesday 19th March 2019
- Returns on Friday 22nd March 2019
- The purpose of the trip is to introduce students to the various historical and religious sights in Rome, as well as investigate the effect tourism has had on the 'Eternal City'. This would also allow students to experience a different culture.
- The provisional **cost is £679.00 per student, dependent upon the cost of flights**. As the flights have not been released for March 2019 yet, the overall cost has been determined through the estimate and experience provided by the NST tour group. This payment includes return flights, entrance fees, bed and breakfast accommodation as well as evening meal and travel insurance. **Please note that this does not include lunch.**

We are looking to take a group of approximately of 45 students and as such the adults accompanying the group will be to a ratio of 1:10 and will include Mr Barnes and Mrs Gunner.

If you would like your Son/Daughter to participate, please detach and complete the statement of interest slip below and return it with **the first deposit of £130 by 9.00am on Friday 6th July**. Please note that the deposit payment is non-refundable and that cheques should be made payable to "Melbourn Village College". Please ensure that cheques are put it in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, form and Rome 2019 on the front and delivered to the Finance Office. You can also pay using your ParentPay account. Further payments are requested by the following dates: **£225 by 26/10/18, £225 by 7/12/18** and the final payment of **£99 by 8/2/19**. **Please bear in mind that this is based on the provision cost. Interim payments can be made between the dates outlined above through Finance and ParentPay.** We require parents/carers to make sure the instalments are completed by these dates as the College is required to make



payment to the travel company and late payment may jeopardise the tour. For Pupil Premium students who are interested in this tour support is available. Please see the school website (<http://www.melbournvc.org/about-us/pupil-premium.php>), Mrs Deadman or Mr Barnes for more details.

Students will need to have a valid **European Health Insurance Card**. An application form is available from the post office or the card can be ordered online from www.ehic.org.uk. There is no charge for this. Students will be required to take their **own passport** for the trip. Please check the **expiry date** and ensure that you apply in good time if a renewal is required. The passport office often requires at least 6-8 weeks to process an application. **Please indicate on the reply slip below whether your child has a valid UK passport.**

Our trips are always very popular and we very much look forward to taking your son/daughter on this cultural and educational experience. As the welfare of all students and staff is always our main priority, I must however add that a student's participation on any trip can be withdrawn where his/her behaviour has shown considerable cause for concern.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Marta Gunner
Head of Humanities

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Permission Slip

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ FORM: _____

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Rome Tour from 19th – 22nd March 2019.

Please delete as appropriate:

- I have also chosen to include the non-refundable deposit of £130 as given on the schedule (cheques made payable to Melbourn Village College with your child's name and form on the back please)
- I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £130 via ParentPay as given on the schedule

Signature of Parent/Carer: Date:

Valid UK Passport? YES NO