**Naples and Rome – 22nd March 2016**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to be proposing a school tour to Naples and Rome for S3s who are studying Geography and/or Biology in their Broad General Education. The trip will be offered to current S2 pupils who have selected either of the courses above. This trip will allow pupils to complete fieldwork in a variety of topic areas including, Coasts, Limestone Caves, Tourism at Pompeii, Volcanic features at Phelegraen fields, Biomes and tourism and city development in Rome. It will also develop their cultural awareness and increase travel experience.

Key details about the planned trip:

* 6 days and 5 night(s)
* Departs on 22nd March 2016 (From Glasgow or Edinburgh airport)
* Returns on 27th March 2016
* The provisional cost is **£865** per pupil including £10 a day for pupils to spend on lunches.

This price includes:

* UK airport coach transfers
* Return flights
* Accommodation in Central Rome and Sorrento, Naples
* Breakfasts & Evening meals
* £10 for lunches each day
* All fieldtrips and internal transfer costs within Italy, more details outlined below
* Tour guides for all sites visited
* Group travel insurance
* NST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour
* The prices are based on 30 students
* There will be 4 adults accompanying the trip which will be decided on soon

A sample itinerary for the trip will include:

Colosseum/ Palantine Hill/ Roman Forum – with guided tour

Vatican City and Sistine Chapel

Caves of Pertosa

Day trip along the Amalfi Coast

Visit to Pompeii

Visit to Naples Archaeological Museum

Phelegraen Fields including volcanic craters, jets of steam, mud pools and a volcanic cone.

Pupils will require a current passport.

To secure a place for your child on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of **£150.00** is required along with the completed permission slip by **23rd of March 2015**. Further payment details are included on the information leaflet.

At this stage flights are not available for booking and we have been quoted on the company’s average cost for flights from this year, they have therefore advised a contingency of £50-80 for price variation however they would hope that this would not be the case. We have not added this into the current cost but you should be aware of this as a potential extra payment.

The trip will require sufficient pupil numbers to proceed and if pupil numbers are not high enough full deposits will be returned to those who have signed up to the trip.

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 have any further questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact Miss Massey to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

S Massey

Teacher of Geography

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**Rome and Naples 22nd March 2016 PERMISSION SLIP**

Pupil’s name………………………………………………………….

Registration Class……………………………………………..

**I wish to reserve a place for my child.**

Name…………………………………………… Signature…………………………………………

To secure a place on the trip please return this completed slip with the non-refundable deposit of **£150.00** by **Monday 23rd March** to **Miss Massey** in Geography room **B5**.

*Please note cancellation charges will apply should you cancel your child’s place on the tour.*