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Dear Parent/Guardian

CLASSICS TRIP TO SICILY – EASTER 2020

The Classics department is organising a trip to Sicily next Easter to visit the Ancient Roman and Greek sites. Sicily is a super place for Classicists to visit in order to see excellent examples of both Greek and Roman archaeological remains.

During the visit, we plan to stay in Palermo, Agrigento and Giardini Naxos in order to see sites right round the island. These include the Greek theatre and temple at Segesta, the Greek city of Selinunte, the fantastic 'Temple Valley' near Agrigento, the immense Roman villa of Piazza Armerina complete with stunning mosaics and the Greco-Roman site of Taormina situated on a fine balcony overlooking the sea and Etna.

The purpose of the trip is educational and we hope the all boys will return with a broader understanding of the Ancient World. We will have the services of an English speaking guide throughout the trip.

We will depart on Wednesday 1st April 2020 and return on Monday 6th April 2020, travelling by aeroplane to/from Catania or Palermo. The travel company is not yet able to confirm the exact price or time of these tickets and, though we do not foresee any increased cost for the trip, you should be aware that there could be a slight increase once we have the flight details. The mention of the possibility of an increase seems to be standard practice with travel firms. Travel within Sicily will be by coach.

Please check your son's passport carefully. Usually the travel company insists that they have several months before expiry at the time of travel so it may need to be renewed even if it is just within date next April. Europe have also become more strict about this rule during Brexit negotiations. We must have the correct details from the passport on which he intends to travel to give to the travel company by Christmas for confirmation of the flights so please do not leave renewal too late.

All pupils must meet the coach at LRGS and will be returned to LRGS.

The cost of the trip is £850 which includes all transport, accommodation, insurance, entry to sites, evening activities and all meals outside the UK. I do not anticipate any price changes but can't guarantee it in this particular year due to the uncertainties surrounding Brexit! If for any reason the trip cannot run, the school will do its best to retrieve any deposit money from the travel company.

If you wish your son to join the party, please complete the attached form and ask him to return it to Miss Pettit in the Classics department as soon as possible. The deadline for the return of these forms is Tuesday 2nd April 2019.

A deposit of £250 is required with the form. Money should be paid via the school's WisePay system. The balance must then be paid in instalments as follows:

£300 by the summer holidays

£300 by Christmas

The earlier the payments arrive, the easier it is for us!

Boys should bring some spending money with them for souvenirs, guide books, drinks and snacks including both some sterling and some Euros. We have opted for full board so the requirement for spending money should be minimal.

We must emphasise that the tour company and LRGS expect the highest standards of behaviour – normal school rules will apply. We are not willing to take abroad any pupil whom we cannot trust to behave himself and/or who has a record in school of poor conduct. It is also vital to accept that alcohol and smoking are forbidden for all pupils, irrespective of age.

It is likely that the applications to participate will outnumber the places available. The organisers will determine the composition of the group by reference to the pupil's perceived interest in Latin/Greek, his age and his record of behaviour. Generally speaking, all things being equal, the older pupils will have priority as the younger ones will have further opportunities. The organisers will also bear in mind the overall balance of the group.

Boys have a splendid time on these trips. The tour is a great experience.

Yours faithfully,

Miss R.H. Pettit

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I wish my son to join the tour to Sicily. I have read the information and understand that the organisers are acting as agents for the tour company and that all information is given in good faith. It is vital that all information that you give is accurate otherwise extra costs may be incurred.

PUPIL'S FULL NAME

FORM..... BOARDING HOUSE (if appropriate)

PUPIL'S COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE.....

PUPIL'S CITIZENSHIP.....

NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

PUPIL'S DATE OF BIRTH

DOES HE HAVE A PASSPORT (valid until at least late summer 2020)? YES / NO

If yes, please carefully fill in the following details from his passport:

Exact name on passport.....

Passport number?

Issue dateExpiry date.....

Country/place of issue of passport.....

DOES HE HAVE AN EHIC? YES / NO
(European Health Insurance Card)

IS HE A VEGETARIAN? YES / NO
(Please remember that vegetarianism is not as common or understood on the continent as it is in the U.K. and therefore the range of food on offer is not necessarily wide.)

DOES HE HAVE ANY OTHER DIETARY REQUIREMENTS? YES / NO

If yes, please specify.....

Please state any relevant medical problems, allergies etc.

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Is he fully up to date with the usual inoculations? YES / NO

I have paid the deposit via the school's WisePay system.

I understand and have noted the deadlines for the remaining two instalments.

Signed..... Date