

September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Geography and Classics department is proposing to run a five day trip to Sorrento, Italy, from the 7th – 11th April 2016.

The Sorrento peninsula provides an excellent opportunity to discover the geographical themes of tectonic boundaries, the impact of tourism, and managing hazards. Visits to Mount Vesuvius, the Solfatara Volcano, and the Roman city of Pompeii along with the historic town of Sorrento provide an excellent opportunity for geographical study. Students will also visit the island of Capri and the Naples Archaeological Museum.

The study of volcanoes and earthquakes form part of both the GCSE and A-level syllabuses studied at Springwood. As a department we feel it would be an excellent opportunity for students to see an active volcano 'in the field' and experience the culture of another country. The trip is initially open to Geography students in years 9, 10 and 12. A total of 30 places will be available to students from both departments.

The proposed itinerary is:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Morning	Early flight to Naples. Visit to the Archaeological Museum in Naples.	Visit to Mt. Vesuvius National Park.	Full day excursion to Capri, including boat tour of island.	Full day excursion to Solfatara Volcano (currently active).	Souvenir shopping in Sorrento.
Afternoon	Transfer to hotel.	Visit to Pompeii.			Transfer & return evening flight to the UK.
Evening	Orientation walk of Sorrento.	Ice cream demonstration and tasting at local factory.	Quiz night at hotel.	Bowling.	

The planned travel times allow us to maximise our time in Sorrento.

The price for this trip is £680.00. This covers:

- Return flights with Easy Jet and baggage allowance
- Half board accommodation in a 3* hotel in the centre of Sorrento
- Local transport
- Comprehensive insurance
- All excursions/entry fees/evening activities as outlined in the itinerary
- Guide services at historical sites/national parks

A similar visit was run in 2014 and received excellent feedback from students.

To secure a place for your child a non-refundable deposit of £250.00 is required by Friday the 23rd October 2015. The high deposit amount is a requirement of the specialist tour operator organising the trip.

Payments must be paid before or on the following dates; all payments are non-refundable

Friday 20th November 2015 - £145.00

Wednesday 16th December 2015 - £145.00

Friday 29th January 2016 - £140.00

The full balance is required by the travel agent on the 5th February 2016.

In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The school reserves the right to exclude from the trip any student whose behaviour it is believed would put the safety of the visit at risk.

If you require further information, then please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Geography department.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please complete the reply slip below along with the non-refundable deposit of £250.00. Cheques must be payable to Springwood High School Academy Trust. This must be in a sealed envelope with the name of the trip clearly marked on the front and put in the 'trip box' located in reception before 23rd October 2015.

Yours sincerely

Mr Durham

Miss Grant

Mr Durham
(Teacher of Geography)

Miss Grant
(Subject leader)

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Please return to the 'Trip Box' located in reception before 23rd October 2015.

**Sorrento 2016
(Mr Durham)**

Student Name _____ Form _____

(Please give your child's full name as displayed in their passport)

I enclose a cheque for £250.00

*(Cheque must be made payable to Springwood High School Academy Trust
Please make sure their name, form and trip on the back of the cheque.)*

Please tick:

- ☐ I understand that all payments are **non-refundable** for Sorrento 2016. All payments will only be refunded if the trip does not take place. The deposit is transferred to Study Trips, the external tour operator providing the trip, to confirm your child's place.

Parent Name _____

Signed _____