

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

A visit to: Rome, Italy
Students Invited to Participate: Y12 Classical Civilisation students
Date: Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 04:30
Approximate Return Time: Friday 7th April 2018 at 23:00
Mode of Transport: Flight
Cost: £525.00*
Reply Date: Thursday 28th September 2017

***this is the *maximum* cost of the trip based on prices at time of costing. Cost includes return flights, accommodation (plus compulsory city tax) with hot buffet breakfast, all travel in and around Rome and entrance to *all* sites and attractions. Not included is the cost of evening meals but this can be obtained very cheaply at approx. 15 euros per day.**

We are very pleased to be able to offer our 5th annual trip to the city of Rome, Italy. This trip will provide a wonderful opportunity for students to experience first-hand the sites, monuments and artefacts of ancient Rome, many of which together form a significant part of their Classical Civilisation studies at A level. Travel will be via flight from London Gatwick and train from Rome Fumicino Airport to the main Termini Station. We will be staying in a 4* hotel which is a 2-minute walk from the Termini and a 10-minute walk from the heart of Rome.

The packed itinerary is extensive but notable features will be the World Heritage Sites of Rome's 'Arena of Death' - the iconic Colosseum; the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill; Trajan's Market; the spectacular building of the Pantheon; the Ara Pacis Augustae; National Museum of Rome; the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Also included is a trip to the ancient port town of Ostia Antica which is lesser-known but better preserved than Pompeii. We will, of course, visit the tourist places of the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain where students will be able to explore the narrow streets and savour the traditional cuisine. Students also studying English might be interested in the Keats Museum which is situated in this area. A full and detailed itinerary will be issued nearer to the departure date.

Payment for this trip can be spread over instalments to be completed by 16th March 2017 but we are asking for the reply slip with a deposit of £150.00 by Thursday 28th September in order to secure flight reservations.

Suggested payment plan: **28/09/17** £150.00; **27/10/17** £100.00; **24/11/17** £100.00; **23/02/17** £100.00; **16/03/17** £75.00

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In accordance with the School's Charging Policy, parents/carers are invited to make a voluntary contribution (details above) towards the cost of the trip. This includes the cost of return travel, including the underground. Payment can be made online via the School's Internet Payment system which is available from:

<http://www.scopay.com/nks>

If you would like to make an online payment, but have not yet been provided with login details, please contact a member of the School's Finance Team.

Alternatively payment can be made by cheque or cash. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Norton Knatchbull School' and your son/daughter's name and form, together with details of the trip should be written on the reverse. All reply slips and cash/cheque contributions should be returned in a sealed envelope to Student Reception. Envelopes containing cheques can be deposited in the drop box, however, cash payments must be made in person by your son/daughter to the Student Receptionist. No responsibility can be taken for envelopes lost because they are not handed over at the earliest opportunity. Please be advised that if there is insufficient interest in the trip, the trip will not run and a refund will be given. Should the trip have to be cancelled for reasons beyond the school's control, including industrial action by outside agencies or adverse weather conditions, refunds will only be made in so far as the School can claim reimbursement. Should your son/daughter withdraw voluntarily from the trip, and the school has incurred prior costs, monies already paid will not be refunded.

As the trip will be returning outside school hours, students are expected to remain with the party until collected by parents from Ashford Station.

In the unlikely event of an emergency arising on the day of the trip, between the hours of 8am and 4pm parents/carers should ring the School Reception on 01233 620045. Outside of these hours the Duty Manager can be contacted on 07747 837927 (3rd & 4th April) and 07747 835915 (5th - 7th April).

Yours sincerely



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