



HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Pupil & Parents/Guardians

As a school, we are committed to providing our pupils with a number of opportunities to develop their spirituality and explore their faith. With this in mind, I am excited to invite pupils from KS4 (current Y10 & 11 pupils) to undertake a visit to Rome, Italy next year. We are proposing to take 45 pupils to **Rome during 12-15 April 2019**. The trip coincides with the start of the Easter holiday; pupils will return on the first Monday of the break.

NST, a company who are specialists in organising educational trips all over the world, and who have been our chosen travel provider a number of times, has put together an exciting 4-day program. We will travel to and from Rome by Air. All transfers are included in the cost of the tour.

This unique experience is an opportunity for students to explore the history and tradition of Rome as the site of the Head of the Catholic Church. The architecture and internal features of a Catholic Church is an important topic on the GCSE Religious Studies specification, as is pilgrimage to Rome; it is anticipated this visit will teach pupils from a perspective that is impossible to replicate within the classroom. **The trip is expected to cost approximately £753**. This includes flights and all transfers, insurance, secure half-board accommodation, all excursions and entrance fees. The final price will be determined once the bookings have been made. To secure a place on the trip, a non-refundable **£125 deposit**, is to be paid no later than Monday 8th October. Please note that places will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deposits will be accepted from 12:00 on Monday 1st October**, please note that deposits should only be paid on **Parent Pay**. Passports need to be brought to **IG5 once the deposit has been made and confirmation of a place has been advised**. A photocopy of the photo page from your child's passport will be taken, for administrative purposes, and the passport returned within 24 hours. Please note that passports need to be valid until the **30th April 2019**. Should your child's passport expire before the trip to Rome, please note that a new passport, valid for our dates of travel, must be presented to me no later than 1 December. N.B. that this deadline for valid passports is non-negotiable.

Please be assured that every effort is being made to keep costs to a minimum, whilst ensuring the safety of our pupils. Once your place is confirmed the **full balance** will need to be paid no later than **25th January 2019**. Interim payments may be made to suit you, on Parent Pay.

I sincerely hope that you will carefully consider having your child join us for this amazing opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. A parents' information session will be held before April in order to communicate specific details of the trip.

Yours sincerely

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