



1st February 2019

Dear Parents

The Classics, History and Art departments are joining forces to launch a six-day/five-night visit to Rome in October 2019. This will provide an opportunity for the girls to view some of the most iconic historical monuments in the world and we intend to make the most of every single minute we have there.

We would eagerly encourage any girls studying or wishing to study History, Classics or Art at GCSE or A Level in the 2019-2020 academic year to take part. However, the visit will be open to all girls in Lower 5 - Upper 6 next year, as it will fall in the school's half-term break.

For students interested in History and the Classics, they will experience sites of Roman, Medieval and Renaissance history, each with an exciting story to tell. For Art students, everywhere they look they will see some of the world's most spectacular architecture, sculpture and paintings. Here are just some of the highlights of the itinerary:

- The Colosseum, the world's greatest amphitheatre.
- The Roman Forum, site of centuries of political drama.
- The Palatine Hill, complete with its monumental palaces.
- The Golden House, the underground site of emperor Nero's home.
- The Catacombs, home of ancient tombs and their art work.
- Night time tours of the fora of Augustus and Julius Caesar, complete with virtual reconstruction.
- The Vatican City, the world's largest collection of art and sculpture.
- St Peter's Basilica, the most spectacular Renaissance church in the world.
- The Borghese Gallery, housing the great works of Caravaggio and Bernini.
- A day trip to Hadrian's lavish villa complex at Tivoli (a miniature town itself).
- A day trip to Pompeii and Herculaneum, the best preserved archaeological sites in the world, providing the closest possible look at life 2000 years ago.

To maximise our time in Rome, we shall fly out from Leeds-Bradford Airport on Sunday 20th October, returning to Manchester Airport on Friday 25th October. The cost is expected to be in the region of £895, which includes:

- Return flights and coach transfers (except to Leeds-Bradford)
- Five nights' hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
- Five evening meals at local restaurants
- The full programme of activities listed above including tour guides
- Transport while in Rome
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Local Tourist tax



To reserve a place for your daughter, please complete and return the attached form by Friday 15th February with a deposit of £200. Once the tour is confirmed, this will become non-refundable.

Further payments will be due on the following dates:

- Monday 1st April 2019 £200
- Monday 20th May 2019 £200
- Monday 1st July 2019 £195

Cancellation charges will be applied in the event of withdrawal as set by the tour company.

We anticipate that this will be a very popular visit so an early response is recommended to secure your daughter's place.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Crosby
Head of History and Classics

Mrs S Garner
Head of Art and Design

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To Mr Crosby/Mrs Garner, Gateways School

ROME TOUR, OCTOBER 2019

Please reserve a place for my daughter..... (name as on passport) on the Classics, History & Art tour to Rome in October 2019.

Relevant medical/dietary information.....
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My contact number for the period of the visit will be.....

I enclose a deposit of £200 which I understand becomes non-refundable on confirmation of the tour.

Bank transfer details: Sort code 60 60 05, account number 86480995.

Parent's signature..... Date.....