

# Spalding High School

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## Exploring Sicily 1<sup>st</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

The Geography department is delighted to inform you after a break from overseas trips we are proposing a visit to Sicily in April 2023. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience a unique landscape. This trip is being offered only to GCSE and A Level geography students. Whilst it is not a compulsory part of either of these two courses, it will certainly extend the knowledge and understanding of units taught and will enhance students' awareness of what is a quite a unique environment.

### Some of the excursions to be included during the trip will include -

- **Ascend to the top of Etna, firstly using cable car and then large, rugged coaches.**
- **Take a ferry, to Vulcano, hike to the crater of Gran Cratare the largest volcano on the island. Relax in the natural mud baths.**
- **Visit Taormina which clings to the steep hillsides, offering outstanding views over the coastline and towards Etna followed by a pizza making experience.**
- **A 3hr guided walk on Etna Nord**
- **Visit Alcantara Gorge which was formed by lava flow from Mount Etna crossing the path of the river, and therefore cooling at a faster rate.**
- **Visit Giardini Naxos, a coastal resort that has changed from fishing based community to one dependent on tourism.**

The dates for the trip are Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 with flights going from London Gatwick. The cost of the trip will be approximately £900 - £950 (this approximation is due to flights not currently being available to book) and is inclusive of full board accommodation for 4 nights, at a 3\* hotel with ensuite facilities, flights, return travel to and from airport, excursions, a trip hoody and insurance. Please note that as this is an "optional extra", full payment is compulsory and the School will not be able to provide any financial assistance.

If you decide you would like your child to reserve a place on this exciting overseas trip, then please return the reply slip provided at the bottom of this letter to Mrs Pryke in the Finance Office. The payment will then be set up online for you to make an immediate deposit of £300 no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. Further mailings will inform you of future payments to be made by instalments.

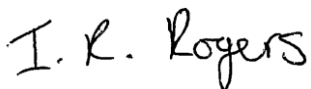
This year priority will initially be given to the current Y10 and Y12 geography students and those in Y11 who have opted to study geography A Level here, followed by current Year 9 who have opted for GCSE, allocated in order of return of reply slip. It may also be necessary to take into account student behaviour at school, so as not to place the safety of students, staff and their peers at risk.

We are also proposing to offer a further trip to Iceland from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 the approx cost of this trip will be £1100 and will be open to the current Y9 students and who have opted for GCSE and those currently in Y10 and Y11 who are committed to studying geography A Level at Spalding High School , details of this trip will be released soon.

Please be aware before you commit that this trip is very active and a certain level of physical fitness will be needed to take part in the activities.

Please do contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely



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**Sicily 2023**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in the Sicily Trip 2023 and confirm that of I am allocated a place the deposit will be paid online by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

I / we understand that this is non-returnable deposit (unless the trip is oversubscribed or not booked).

I / we understand that the balance will be paid by instalments (details to follow).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_