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21st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 10 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BAY OF NAPLES, ITALY – 12th-15th July 2026

The Geography team are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in our new Year 10 residential trip to Italy. This trip is aimed at students who are expecting to choose GCSE Geography as one of their optional subjects in years 10 and 11 and will enhance their studies of the course.

As part of their GCSE Geography studies, students will learn about Tectonic activity, including volcanic eruptions, the impacts that they can have on humans and how volcanoes are monitored to reduce these impacts as far as possible. Students will also explore coastal landscapes and examine how landforms are created over hundreds of years by the action of the sea. This fantastic trip directly links to both parts of our course and will include a visit to Mount Vesuvius (the volcano responsible for the devastation of Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79AD), exploration of the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, a ferry tour to the island of Capri and a full day exploring the stunning coastal features of this beautiful island, as well as a guided tour of the underground city of Naples and the Archaeological Museum, a pizza making workshop in an Italian Pizzeria, a gelato tasting experience in an Italian Gelateria, evening entertainment, and breakfast, lunch, and evening meals.

The trip will be a residential visit with a packed itinerary over four days, including flights to Italy. The total cost is £996.50 per student. This includes return coach travel to Gatwick Airport, flights, accommodation for three nights in Sorrento, insurance, entrance to all excursions, as well as breakfast, lunch, and evening meals. This trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 50 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

To gain a place on the trip, parents/carers need to fill in the Microsoft form which will go live for one week from **Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 9am**. Places will be granted as per our trips policy (<https://forms.office.com/e/ijzdG6N7AR>) and a confirmatory letter with the schedule for payments will be sent out within two weeks. A reserve list will be generated based on demand. **Deposits (£150) and any subsequent payments are non-refundable except in very special circumstances or if insufficient numbers are obtained.** Further cancellation charges may apply depending on the date and circumstances of notification.

An information evening for the trip will be held closer to the date of the trip. In order to travel, students will require a valid passport, a GHIC card, and if applicable a visa, and **it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that these have been obtained in good time.**

We fully encourage anyone who feels they may require financial assistance to contact kira.jupe@avonbourneacademy.org.uk before the release of the Microsoft form.

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If you have any further questions regarding the trip, please contact me using the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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