

Dear Parent / Guardian

Religious Studies Tour to Rome – July 2023

We are delighted to announce that the Religious Education department intend to run a trip to Rome. The trip will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to experience subject first-hand, supporting their classroom learning and bringing the subject to life. This trip is for year 10 students taking RE as one of their GCSE options. Please see the attached sample itinerary which covers our intended excursions and activities.

However, we must reiterate that the required student uptake to be able to run the trip at the cost quoted is 32, we currently have 16 student places reserved. I must stress that this trip is not certain to run, we need to hit a certain number of students to ensure current costings, but we would like to secure the provisional booking with Rayburn based on the costings provided to make certain we pay the best possible price. The initial deposit of £350 per student will be used to secure flights at the quoted price, as these can increase in cost over time, and is part of the overall cost not in addition to it. **This deposit is refundable should the trip not go ahead.**

If at all possible, I would request that payments are made through the school's ParentPay system. You will have been sent your login details and instructions previously and can access the system through the school website or via www.parentpay.com. If you are unable to pay through this system, payments can be made by cash or cheque at the school's Finance Office. Such payments should be enclosed in an envelope marked Rome Trip - 2023, with your son's name and form written clearly beneath. Cheques are payable to Northampton School *for Boys*. Please also write your son's name and form on the reverse of the cheque together with 'Rome Trip - 2023'. Rayburn have extended the deadline for deposits to the end of August, **so please ensure you transfer this** to secure your son's place.

I would be extremely grateful if you could return the reply slip below by email to Miss Lindsay-White hlindsay-white@nsb.northants.sch.uk at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of RE@NSB and we look forward to confirming the trip launch by the start of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lindsay-White

Teacher of Religious Education

Your Sample Itinerary

Here's what your trip could look like – Please note this is only an example and all details will be finalised by your dedicated tour operator once the tour is booked with Rayburn – All subject to timings, availability and order may change

Day 1

Morning

Flight from UK to Rome

Afternoon/Evening

Half day (4 hours) guided walking tour to visit Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps and the Pantheon

Evening meal in a local restaurant

Day 3

Morning/Afternoon

Morning guided visit of the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill.

Afternoon guided visit of Mamertine Prison.

Explore Piazza Venezia and view Trajan's Column and markets. View the Vittorio Emmanuele Monument (option to pay locally to take the lift to the top for superb city views!)

Evening meal in a local restaurant

Day 5

Morning

Visit to Basilica of Saint Clemente, Scala Sancta, the Holy Stairs, the Papal Basilica of San Giovanni in Lateran and Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

Afternoon

Travel to the Appian Way where you visit the Catacombs of St. Sebastian.

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to the UK

Day 2

Morning/Afternoon

Half day (4 hours) guided tour of the Vatican Museums to visit the Gallery of Maps, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica.

Free to explore Rome in the afternoon

Evening meal in a local restaurant

Day 4

Morning/Afternoon

Half day (4 hours) guided tour of the Jewish Quarter and a visit to the Great Synagogue, and continue to Campo di Fiore, one of Rome's most famous market squares.

Afternoon

Free to explore more of the beautiful city of Rome

Evening meal in a local restaurant

