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13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Proposed Geography Trip to Sicily April 2020

The Geography department are delighted to offer your son the opportunity to participate in a four-day residential trip to Sicily. We foresee that this will be a wonderful trip for your son with exciting opportunities which will both assist with his studies in Geography and offer him the chance to gain amazing experiences.

The proposed date for the trip is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and the cost £670 per student. In line with our Charging Policy, pupils for whom we receive Pupil Premium funding (eg those entitled to, or previously entitled to Free School Meals) will have £100 paid by St Margaret's after the initial deposit has been received. However, please note that we require a **non-refundable deposit of £100** from all students including those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

This cost is based upon the following;

- Return flights with EasyJet Manchester – Sicily, Catania Airport. One hold bag is included.
- Meet and greet at Manchester and Catania Airport.
- Return overseas coach transfers from Catania airport to the resort hotel.
- Three nights' full board accommodation at Hotel Baia degli Dei. Based on twin en-suite rooms.
- Trip to Taormina to enjoy the local sights and facilities.
- Full day coach travel to Mount Etna for an adventure day including coach tour, 4x4 jeep tour, cable car trip and alpine guided tour.
- Full day guided excursion to visit Aeolian volcanic islands of Lipari and Vulcano on a two-stop mini cruise.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.

We must however, include this information from our travel company; *"our price is based on flights with Easy jet Manchester- Catania (subject to availability). 1 hold bag pp included. Provisional times and subject to change. Flights are on sale and we cannot hold seats on option for you. Our price is subject to change until your flights have been booked and secured."* (WST School Travel).

It is our intention to meet students at Manchester Airport on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and that we will ask you to collect them from the same location on Monday evening to eliminate the need for coach travel from school and reduce the cost.

We are aiming to take a group of 30 students. If the trip is oversubscribed, priority will be given in the first instance to those pupils who have had less experience of St Margaret's multi-day school trips (i.e. a trip involving two or more nights).

In order to secure your son's place, please complete the permission slip below and return it to the School Office no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Once we receive your reply slip the payment schedule will then be added to your son's ParentMail +Pay account. The deposit should be paid by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. **All payments must be made via ParentMail (+Pay).** If you require assistance with your ParentMail +Pay account, please contact Miss Smith in the School Office.

If your son wishes to take part in this trip, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the School Office as soon as possible for the best chance to be included. The closing date for this trip will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Williams  
Head of Geography Department and Trip Leader.

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**Reply Slip To:- Mrs Williams - Geography Trip to Sicily April 2020**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my son to be included on the above trip.

I understand that all payments are to be made via ParentMail +Pay and the £100 deposit is **non-refundable**.

Has your child had any experience of multiday excursions at St. Margaret's before? YES/NO

If 'YES' what trip(s) has he been on?.....

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print below for our information your sons full name as it appears on his passport

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

(middle names are not required).

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age at time of travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date of passport: \_\_\_\_\_