

JOA/TCC

27 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

A-Level Geography/History Trip - Amalfi Coast Italy

I am delighted to offer your child a place on our visit to the Amalfi Coast on Friday 4 – Tuesday 8 April 2025. A range of activities are planned, including hiking Vesuvius, exploring Pompei and Herculaneum, visiting the island of Capri, taking a boat tour of the Amalfi Coast, and other cultural and historical activities.

This trip has been organised to supplement the classroom learning we complete in the Geography and History department at Heckmondwike Grammar School. Places are offered to students of these subjects as a priority; however we also do have capacity to take students who do not study these subjects – hence you might be receiving this letter when your child does not study History or Geography.

The total cost of the trip is £1225, which includes transfers to and from the UK airport, flights, accommodation, food, all excursions and transport whilst in Italy, a hoodie, and other costs associated with a trip. This also includes a contingency fund of £50, requested by the tour operator in case of flight price changes. If there are no changes to the current price, this money will be returned to you once the trip has been completed.

Under the School Governors' <u>Charging and Remissions</u>, we request this is paid in instalments on our ParentPay system, by the deadlines stated below:

- Initial deposit £350 Friday 4 October
- Payment 1 £350 Friday 29 November
- Payment 2 £525 Friday 17 January

Please note that by paying the deposit you are committing to pay the full balance by the agreed deadlines. After Friday 4 October 2024 should you decide that your child can no longer attend the ski trip, we will only refund any monies paid if a replacement student can be found. We will subtract the fees required to change the passenger details with the airlines from these monies. At the time of writing the airline fee for amending a passenger name is approximately £100. If no replacement is found the balance will still be payable.

When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and to input your contact /medical and passport details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay. Please ensure the name entered on ParentPay matches that in the passport, as if the name we provide does not match the passport, your child may not be allowed to travel.

School will not be responsible for any costs incurred due to cancellation costs incurred if a student cannot travel due to passport/visa restrictions. It is therefore vital that you check this as any payments made will not be refundable in such circumstances, and indeed further payments to the full total may still be due.

Students should bring any routine medication which they usually carry, for example inhalers or EpiPens. However, more information on this and all other facets of the visit will be relayed in an information evening on Thursday 13 March 2025, 18:00-19:00, which we invite yourself and your child to attend.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the trip, please contact me at school jaudis@heckgrammar.co.uk, and if you have any financial questions, please direct these to finance@heckgrammar.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Audis

Subject Leader of Geography and Trip Leader