

Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 8 Trip to Fusignano, Italy in May 2023

We plan to take a group of sixteen year 8 students to Fusignano- Biddulph's twin town in Italy- from Thursday 11th May to Thursday 18th May 2023. This trip was hugely successful for five consecutive years prior to the coronavirus pandemic.

The itinerary is likely to include excursions to: Marina Romea for a full day at the beach; the market town of Lugo; and the city of Bologna. We hope to participate in local events in the town, including a pasta workshop, as well as visit one of our partner schools, Luigi Battaglia Middle School, to experience authentic Italian culture and school life.

We will be flying with Ryanair between Manchester and Bologna with all airport transfers by coach. Each student will have a checked baggage allowance of 20kg and can bring one small personal bag on board. We will be staying for seven nights at the Hotel Mazzanti on a bed and breakfast basis. Students will share rooms with either one or two other children. We will have lunch in the Luigi Battaglia Middle School and we will be offered a variety of evening meals including barbecues, pizza and pasta with thanks to the Biddulph-Fusignano Twinning Committee.

The trip costs £673 per student. This includes a contingency of £50 per student, which is refundable if not required. Please note that spending money (Euros) is not included in this total.

Please read the government's advice about travel to Italy with particular regard to the documentation required: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy>

Initial interest has suggested that the trip will be oversubscribed. Therefore, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Your child will secure a place by bringing the signed permission slip to Miss Greatbatch at their earliest opportunity. If you do not have access to a printer, a signed note in the student's planner would also be accepted.

You will receive an email if your child has been successful. They must attend weekly lunchtime sessions to learn some useful Italian for their stay. If your child has been successful, you will be required to pay a **£200 deposit on Arbor by Tuesday 29th November**. If the deposit is not paid by this deadline, we will then invite the next student on the list to join the trip. Please note that **all deposits are non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel the trip in the event of insufficient funds or poor behaviour from students.**

There are 3 additional payments for the trip:

- **£160 by 28th February 2023**
- **£160 by 31st March 2023**
- **£153 by 30th April 2023**

If your child is accepted, we will also require a copy of the photo page of your child's passport, or alternatively, a copy of their birth certificate by Tuesday 29th November. This can be scanned and emailed to the Woodhouse Academy office via office@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk or brought in person into the office FAO Miss Greatbatch. Please ensure that your child will have a valid passport on the 11th May 2023 with at least six months remaining before the expiry date.

There will be a pre-trip meeting two weeks prior to departure and I will be in touch with details about this nearer the time.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Greatbatch
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Name: _____ Form: _____

My child would like to be considered for the trip to Fusignano.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer