



04 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Geographers Trip to Sorrento - Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Geography Department are running a residential field trip to Sorrento, Italy, as an extra-curricular opportunity to support GCSE Geography students with their studies on hazards and coasts; and to widen their appreciation and interest of different countries and cultures.

Please be aware that places are limited to 30 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To reserve a place for your child on this trip, please complete the online parental consent **and make the deposit payment via your ParentPay account as soon as possible to secure your place. Trip viability to be confirmed once 30 places filled or 1st March 2025 – whichever is sooner**

The Italian Sorrentine Peninsula is one of the most stunning areas in Europe, displaying dramatic coastlines, deep valleys, vast lemon groves and impressive mountains showcasing magnificent views across the Bay of Naples. One of the most well-known landmarks of this area is the mighty Mount Vesuvius volcano, which destroyed the nearby Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum during its eruption in 79AD. From the Bay of Naples, there is an array of opportunities to further students' understanding of plate tectonics, natural hazards and the physical environment, as well as having easy access to the breath-taking Amalfi Coast.

Whilst on the trip, students will take part in a range of activities including visits to Herculaneum, Pompeii, Underground Naples, Mount Vesuvius, Gelato making and a Jetfoil to the Island of Capri. There will also be other activities to break up their days and help them engage with other elements of the GCSE. **The overall cost of the trip will be £980* and is to be paid in full by 1st November 2025.**

The cost includes coach transfers to & from the airport, flights to & from Sorrento, accommodation, breakfast and evening meals in Sorrento, the cost of all excursions and full insurance. Extra Euros will be required to be taken by your child for refreshments, and lunch on each day.

The trip is to be paid in full by 1st November 2025 with at least the minimum amounts paid by the dates in the table below. We are expecting this to be a popular trip so we suggest early deposit payment to secure a place as the places are limited.

Payment	Due Date
1st Deposit £75 (non-refundable)	Immediate to secure your child's place (mandatory)
2nd part of 1st deposit £75.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st March 2025 (mandatory date)
2nd Deposit £75.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st April 2025 (mandatory date)
2nd part of 2nd Deposit £75.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st May 2025 (mandatory date)
£115.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st June 2025 (mandatory date)
£115.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st July 2025 (mandatory date)
£115.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st August 2025 (mandatory date)
£115.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st September 2025 (mandatory date)
£115.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st October 2025 (mandatory date)
£105.00 (non-refundable)	By 1st November 2025 (mandatory date)

*Please note cancellation charges will be incurred if you cancel your child's place; this will be in line with the tour company's cancellation guidelines and may also include any additional costs incurred by the school. This may be over and above the non-refundable amounts depending on how close to the trip date it is. Some instances of cancellation would fall under the insurance policy (i.e. medical reasons) and if a successful claim was made the loss would be limited to the insurance excess charge.



The school would endeavour to fill a cancelled place however this is not always possible. If a replacement were found, there may be associated costs which you would be required to bear, such as a change of name if these have been confirmed with the travel provider. You would then be refunded the difference upon full receipt of payment for the place from the other payee.

Current UK Government travel advice to Italy:

There are currently no COVID-19 testing or vaccination requirements for passengers entering Italy.

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy/entry-requirements>

If for any reason your child is not, or will not be, fully vaccinated you are advised not to book a place for your child as this will be at your risk if guidance changes to require vaccinations prior to departure. You would still be required to make full payment which would only be refunded if we filled your child's place.

Students wishing to go on the trip will require their own passport with at least 3 months remaining as at 22nd March 2026. **Please check if your child requires a Visa to travel to Italy as you will need to organise that.** If students do not have the required travel documents, they will be unable to go on the trip and your payment will be forfeited so please check very carefully and plan enough time to obtain them.

Health Insurance Card (EHIC / GHIC)

If your child still has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) you can continue to use this until it expires. If they do not have an EHIC or it has expired, you can apply for a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Please visit the NHS website to order: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

ETIAS – new requirements to travel to Europe (advisory in case it is brought in before the trip)

This is not yet in force but is expected in early 2025 it is expected to be free for under 18s. Please see the website for details https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/faqs-etias_en

On ParentPay, please enter XXXXXX in the boxes if your child does not yet have a valid passport or EHIC/GHIC so you can make payment and secure your child's place. These details can be added later once the documents are received.

I will be organising an information evening for parents in the Spring term of 2026, with a detailed breakdown of the itinerary and staff will be on hand to answer any specific questions. Should you have any immediate questions or require further information, please email me at sarah.buchanan@kgaeasthampstead.uk

To reserve a place for your child on this trip, please make the first deposit payment, complete the online parental consent form via your ParentPay account and email a copy of your child's passport to trips@kgaeasthampstead.uk.

If you are able to make payment, you have secured your child a place. If you are unable to make a payment, it may mean that the trip is full. Please contact us if you would like your child added to the reserves list.

Should you need to activate your ParentPay account please contact the Trips Department, via email at trips@kgaeasthampstead.uk

Yours faithfully



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