



25 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Y10 GCSE English Trip to Verona, Italy – Saturday 18th to Monday 20th October 2025**

**\*\*Deadline for deposit payments\*\***

**£100 is required immediately to secure a limited place (but no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March) as this is the date a decision is taken as to the viability of the trip running - if not this will be refunded to you. Should the trip run (30 participants required) this will become non-refundable.**

**Two further payments of £130 are required by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to coincide with the travel company's requirement to receive their full non-refundable deposit payments\*\***

The English Department is delighted to be able to offer students the opportunity to visit **Verona in October 2025**. The students will be immersing themselves into the setting of Romeo and Juliet, one of their GCSE texts.

The trip will include:

- 3 Hour Guided Walking tour
- Visit to Juliet's House and Balcony
- Evening meal in Ristorante Matteo Church
- Visit to Arena Amphitheatre
- Treasure Hunt in Verona City Centre – themed on Romeo and Juliet
- Hot Chocolate break in Bra Square
- Time at Leisure to Explore
- Pizza Making Course and Dinner

**The trip is a three-day, two-night visit from Saturday 18th July to Monday 20th October 2025. The trip cost is £705** which includes private coach travel to and from the airport, flights, half board accommodation at the Hotel Italia, Verona (or equivalent), comprehensive insurance and all excursions. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and snacks whilst travelling and will need Euros to purchase lunches whilst there which are not included.

The trip is to be paid in full by **1st August 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 and available on a first come, first served basis, via ParentPay.

Payment	Due Date:
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Deposit - £100 non-refundable* - Mandatory</b>	<b>Trip viability to be confirmed once 30 places filled or by 1st March – whichever is sooner</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit - £130 - non-refundable* - Mandatory</b>	<b>1st April 2025</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit - £130 - non-refundable* - Mandatory</b>	<b>1st May 2025</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> payment - £137.50 - non-refundable*</b>	<b>1st June 2025</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Payment - £135.50 – non-refundable*</b>	<b>1st July 2025</b>
<b>Final payment - £70 - MANDATORY DATE All payments are non-refundable as at 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>



**\*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.

#### **Passport and VISA requirements:**

Students wishing to go on the trip will require their own passport **with at least 3 months remaining as at 20th October 2025**. 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.

#### **COVID Guidelines - current UK Government travel advice to Italy:**

There are currently no COVID-19 testing or vaccination requirements for passengers entering Italy. Travellers are allowed to enter the country and do not need to provide proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result.

**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.**

#### **Health Insurance Card (EHIC / GHIC)**

Students will need a European/Global Health Insurance Card – these are **free** to order through the NHS website: apply via the internet, which takes around 1-2 weeks to come. <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 just in case it is brought in before the trip)**

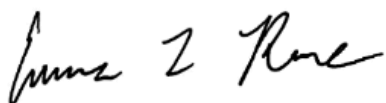
This is not yet in force but is expected in early 2025 and it is expected to be free for under 18s. Please see the website for details [https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/faqs-etias\\_en](https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/faqs-etias_en). We will advise you if you need to apply for this for your child if it does come into force.

***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.***

I will be organising a parents' information evening prior to the trip, 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 [emma.roca@kgaeasthampstead.uk](mailto:emma.roca@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](mailto: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](mailto:trips@kgaeasthampstead.uk).

Yours faithfully



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