

September 2012

Geography Fieldtrip to Sicily, Italy

Easter Holiday 2014 – date to be confirmed

Dear parents/guardians,

Your son/daughter has shown interest in our proposed geography fieldtrip to the island of Sicily in 2014. This trip is open to all students currently in Year 8 and above, but is of particular interest to those intending to/are currently studying Geography at GCSE/A level.

Details of the trip:

- ❖ *5 days/4 nights*
- ❖ *Half board - breakfast and evening meal*
- ❖ *3/4* hotel – actual hotel to be confirmed*
- ❖ *Return flights from London to Catania, Sicily*
- ❖ *Return coach journey from Aldridge School to London*
- ❖ *Excursions to Mount Etna (including a 4 wheel drive), Isle of Vulcano, Alcantara Gorge, Straits of Messina.*

This fieldtrip will provide opportunities to gather case study material to enhance breadth and depth of knowledge and exam performance. Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano, is an ideal site to study Hazard Management and volcanic activity as it's still an active volcano.

The fieldtrip will include the service of an expert tour guide whose local knowledge will help bring the island to life.

The trip will cost approximately £620, depending upon uptake. A non-refundable first deposit of £150 will be required to secure a place. In the event of insufficient numbers your deposit will be refunded in full. We are looking to take a minimum of 20 pupils to make this a viable trip

Your future starts here

Details of payment by instalment:

1st Non refundable Deposit 21st October(2012) £150

Instalments as follows:

20th December(2012) £117

22nd March(2013) £117

20th September(2013) £117

6th December(2013) £119

Not included in the cost of this trip:

Full passport

Spending money for lunches/drinks/souvenirs

Entrance to Alcantara Gorge/Isle of Vulcano – 6 Euros

Food en-route

If you are interested in applying for a place on this trip please return the consent form attached, with a non-refundable deposit of £150 made payable to Aldridge School or via Parentpay.

The school reserves the right to determine the final composition of this party.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Herriotts

Geography department

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Please return this reply slip, consent form and non-refundable deposit of £150 to A block office before 1/10/12.

Full name of pupil (as written on passport)

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Form..... Date of Birth.....

Place of Birth.....

If you wish to pay online by ParentPay, please tick this box and return the form to reception. Online payment will then be setup for you.

Tick this box if you also require your username and password for ParentPay to be reset and resent.