2nd December 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Rome 2026 trip.

The trip will take place provisionally from **Sunday 12th – Thursday 16th July 2026**. Accommodation is provisionally booked for Hotel Dei Mille. **The cost of the trip will be approximately £1130**. The cost includes return flights, airport transfers, Rome tourist tax, travel insurance, bed and breakfast at the chosen hotel, evening meals at local restaurants and visits as listed below:

* Catacombs
* Colosseum
* Roman Forum & Palatine Hill
* Spanish Steps & Trevi Fountain
* Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel
* St Peter’s Basilica
* Learning session at the Gladiator School Gruppo Storico Romano

Please note:

* Flights are not yet available so there could be a slight change to the dates/departure airport and we will not know this information until later next year.
* Hotel basis is Bed & Breakfast. We have chosen evening meals in local restaurants, this is included in the price.
* Some meals and drinks will need to be budgeted for in addition to the total above, such as lunch and drinks with the evening meals.
* We also hope to obtain tickets for a Papal audience, but this cannot be arranged until 3 months prior to the trip and is dependent on the Pope’s commitments, although he does greet crowds usually each Wednesday. This should not incur any additional cost.

**If you would like your child to attend the Rome 2026 trip, please pay the £100 deposit by 4.00pm Monday 9th December 2024 via ParentPay. If the trip is oversubscribed, then in the interest of fairness places will be allocated though a ballot.** For those who are not successful in the ballot, the deposit will be returned. Once places are allocated the deposit will then be non-refundable.

After this point a payment schedule will be set up on ParentPay. If you do not have access to ParentPay please contact Mrs Henderson-Shepherd via this email address, finance@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk.

**Details regarding the further and final balance requirements will be sent to parents as soon as the travel company provide those details.** We expect that the total balance payment will be due around March 2026.Failure to comply with the dates set may result in your son/daughter’s place being lost.

The tour price is based on a maximum of 40 pupils. As a result of this, if the trip is oversubscribed a ballot will take place to determine the successful pupils. If necessary a reserve list will be created and places allocated to those on the reserve list in the event of any pupils withdrawing from the trip.

Each student will be required to sign a behaviour contract outlining what we expect of them as a school if they are to attend the trip. Failure to comply with this will result in your son/daughter being removed from the trip and any monies paid lost.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours faithfully,

C Bland

**Mrs C Bland**

Head of Expressive Arts

Head of Bosco House

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**REPLY SLIP**

I do wish for my son/daughter to attend the Rome Trip in July 2026.

Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have paid the £100 non-refundable deposit by ParentPay. I agree to the terms outlined above re the ballot and behaviour contract.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_