

July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: KS3 Geography Trip to Sicily October 2026

We are delighted to announce that, due to a high level of interest, the Sicily trip will run from 8th October to 11th October 2026. We have received such a strong level of interest that in order to avoid any disappointment we have had to secure two coaches; this has a knock-on effect to the overall cost of the trip.

Based on present numbers the maximum cost will be **£862.00 per child**. Once the initial deposits have been received, we will be able to confirm the final cost.

Payments will be required in instalments with **the first non-refundable deposit of £325.00 being due by Monday 6th October 2025, this can be paid via ParentPay.** Please accept our apologies for the short notice but the large deposit is required to secure the flights and accommodation for this trip.

Further non-refundable payments will be expected as follows:

Instalment 2: £110.00 Payment due Monday 1st December 2025

Instalment 3: £200.00 Payment due Monday 16th March 2026

Balance TBC: Payment due Monday 29th June 2026

Please see below a reminder of what the price includes:

- ***Coach transfer to London Stansted from school***
- ***Return flights to Catania***
- ***Three nights' accommodation in the San Pietro Hotel which is seconds from a beach***
- ***Breakfast and dinner throughout, a packed lunch except on the first day when we are travelling***
- ***A tour guide and insurance***
- ***Excursions – a full day at Etna Sud including a cable car and 4x4 jeep experience, a crossing by hydrofoil to Milazzo and a trek to Vulcanello***
- ***Learn how to make a pizza from the experts***
- ***Time to explore the beaches of Giardina Naxos***

An outline of the tour itinerary will be shared with you during our parent's information, the date for this will be shared with you once it has been confirmed.

Travel Insurance. The tour company provides a group travel insurance for the duration of the tour, but should you wish to consider your own insurance also please do so.

Pupils must hold a Full and valid passport – *Copies of Passport and GHICs will be required as soon as possible for the tour operator, please email to Sadie.widlinski@selwood-academy.co.uk*

You must also apply for a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) which your child must take with them. There is no charge for this health card and it is valid for 5 years. For your convenience you can

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
Head Teacher: Mr Daniel Jeffries BA(Hons) MA NPQH NPQEL

Selwood Academy, Berkley Road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2EF
Telephone: 01373 462798
email: selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk web: www.selwood.somerset.sch.uk

Registered Company Number: 7814065

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

apply here <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>.

Kind regards

Ms G Roberts
Head of Faculties - Humanities