

16TH December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: KS3 Geography Trip to Sicily October 2026

We are incredibly excited to share more details about the upcoming KS3 Geography trip to Sicily next year.

To ensure your child gains the maximum benefit and has as many unforgettable experiences as possible during this trip, we have secured a flight that allows us to significantly maximise the time available for excursions upon arrival.

While this does require an overnight coach transfer from Selwood to Stansted Airport, please be absolutely assured that your child's well-being and rest are our top priority. We will be actively managing the journey to facilitate rest at every stage. Furthermore, we are committed to scheduling sufficient downtime during the evenings both before and after their evening meals.

The fantastic educational and cultural benefits of having more time on the ground in Sicily will truly make these challenging travel times worthwhile.

The coach departure time from Selwood Academy is still to be confirmed but is likely to be between 23.30pm Tuesday 6th October and 1.30am Wednesday 7th October.

Ryanair

Outbound	07/10/2026	Flight	FR5059	STN to CTA	Check In 04:20am	Flight 06:20am
Return	10/10/2026	Flight	FR8543	CTA to STN	Check in 10:20am	Flight 13:20pm

The estimated arrival time back to Selwood Academy will be 20:40pm on Saturday 10th October.

We are now able to confirm the final cost for this trip is **£885.12** per pupil, this is slightly above our original estimated budget due to the increase in flight costs and the local tourist tax.

Your 2nd instalment of £110.00 is now due, please ensure payment is made as soon as possible via ParentPay.

The remaining non-refundable payment dates are listed below:

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

Balance: £250.12 Payment due Monday 29th June 2026

Please see below a reminder of what the price includes:

- **UK Airport Coach transfer**
- **Overseas Coach travel**
- **Return flights to Catania**

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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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.

- **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**
- **Excursions – A visit to Taormina and the Greek Theatre and learn how to make pizza from the experts in Messina; a full day at Etna Sud including a cable car, 4x4 jeep experience & a visit to Colata Lavica lava field; a crossing by ferry to Vulcano harbour and a guided hike to Gran Cratere to Vulcanello**
- **Time to explore the black sand and hot spring beaches**
- **Insurance**

We will be holding two parent's information evenings prior to the trip; during the evening, there will be an illustrated talk regarding the residential and the planned itinerary, this will give you an opportunity to ask us questions regarding the trip.

Wednesday 4th February 2026 5.00pm-6.00pm

Itinerary/Kit List

Medical/Dietary & Emergency Requirements & Code of Conducts

Wednesday 9th September 2026 5.00pm-6.00pm

Final Reminders

Passports and GHICs to be handed in.

Medication to be handed in.

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 by Monday 23rd February 2026 so details can be shared with the tour operator, please email to*

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

Kind regards

Selwood Academy