



Beaumont School

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Dear Students and Parents,

Geography Fieldtrip to Sicily, Wednesday 11th April – Saturday 14th April 2018

The Geography department is organising a trip to Sicily next Easter for AS and A2 Geography students. We will be away for four nights from 11th-14th of April at the end of the Easter holidays. This is planned so as not to clash with the Lake Garda trip running with the Drama department. We will fly from Luton Airport to Catania with Easyjet and return to Gatwick. We will be asking students to meet at Luton, but we will escort students back to St Albans City Station via train on the 14th April. Please note that Easyjet have not yet released their flights and as such, our tour operator 'Discover the World' have given us estimate flight times based on previous years. As a result there may be a little change in the itinerary based on these timings, but we would keep you abreast of any potential changes. All should be confirmed by the end of September.

The trip will involve us looking at volcanic landforms, waterfalls, gorges, and coastal features. Included in the costing is a guided walk on Mount Etna and a visit to the lava caves. Following on from this we will explore the Alcantara river by tubing down it, and spending an afternoon snorkelling in the Cyclops Riviera.

The trip will cost between £750 - £820 which is based on 30 students attending the trip. This will include all transport, food, accommodation, mountain guides and the tubing and snorkelling excursions. This trip is classified as an optional extra, and the school is therefore entitled to charge for it. If the trip is oversubscribed and it proves necessary to create a selection process, places will be allocated by lottery and the deposit will be returned.

If you are interested in taking part please return the form below and a non-returnable deposit of £300 to the **box outside the Finance Office marked 'Sicily' by Friday 15th September**. The second payment of £200 will be due by Friday 10th November and the final balance by Monday 8th January 2018. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet. Our online payment system can be accessed via the School Portal on the front page of the Beaumont School website or at www.scopay.com/beaumont. (NB: You must still return the attached consent form to school in order to secure a place for your child). Please accept our apologies for the short turnaround. If this deadline presents a problem or if you would prefer to pay by smaller instalments please contact Mrs Jay our Trips and Visits Coordinator on 01727 732970 to discuss.

Please note that this trip does not relate directly to our AS or A2 syllabus, so there is no disadvantage to those students not participating - it is an optional extra.

A little closer to the trip we will hold an information evening for parents and pupils but please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries in the mean time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Anderson
Head of Geography



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Pupil's Surname: (as on passport*).....

Pupil's Forenames: (as on passport*).....

Date of Birth:

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

Dietary requirements for airline:

School/Form

* Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child's passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to the airline at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes will incur an extra charge. Please note that the passport must have at least 3 months of validity after date of travel.

I give permission for my child to participate in the trip to Sicily during the Easter 2018 break.

Please tick the appropriate box:

- I enclose £300 as the initial deposit and undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.
- I have made payment online (NB: You must also return this form to school)

I agree to my child taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my child is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

- A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my child are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.
- B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are for this visit only permanent.
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Signed Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date