

 23rd January 2013

Dear parents/carers,

**Re: School Trip to Italy May 20th-24th 2013**

A school journey to Italy (Florence) is planned for year 9 students studying Italian. The programme will consist of Italian language activities which will consolidate and build on work covered in school, an introduction to Italian culture and visits to various places of interest. We will be staying in a hotel near the centre of Florence.

The trip is not a requirement of the curriculum and so is entirely voluntary, but such school journeys are invariably of great educational and social value to the students.

The total cost of the trip will be around £550 on the basis of 20 students; the cost will increase slightly if there are fewer. Unfortunately school grants are not available for such trips. I will confirm the cost as soon as I have more information about numbers. This includes the flight (with BA), breakfast and dinner, trips and transfers to and from the airports. Students will need an additional €60 (approximately £50) for lunches for the trip. Your child **must** have a valid passport and I ask you to send in a copy of your child’s passport with the first payment the airline requires this information in advance.

If you wish your child to be considered for this journey, please complete the reply slip and return it with a first payment of £100 by February 14th. Cheques should be made out to Thomas Tallis School with your child’s name and ‘Florence’ on the back, and handed in at **the main office**. The reply slip should come back to **Ms Crook** in **room 2548**.

**Please note that once your child has been accepted on the trip the first £100 is not refundable if you decide to withdraw your child. However, if the trip cannot go ahead, it will be refunded.**

Yours sincerely

Ms M Crook

Teacher of Italian

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I wish my child to be considered for the school journey trip to Italy (20th -24th May 2013). I enclose a first payment of £100.

Name of pupil (**as it appears on passport**)

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Tutor Group………

Signed………………………………………………… Date: …………

Parent/carer

**Please return slip to Ms Crook in room 2548** with a **photocopy** of your child’s passport.