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20th October 2023

RE: Fifth Year Student European Tour

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

It is our pleasure to inform you that travel for a European Tour for 23-24 has been again granted. We ran a very successful trip in May 2023 to Barcelona and we hope to do the same for 2024.

The cost of living and rate of inflation has weighed heavily on both our minds when planning a school tour. For the last nine years of planning the tour, we have always had best value compared to other schools. We have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to ensure the best value for money with flight prices much higher than pre-covid levels. The feasibility of the tour depends on the number of students travelling. We require 46 students to travel in order for the tour to operate as low numbers cause a price loading for hotels/ coaches and we will not benefit from group discounts for attractions. We have received many quotes and much of these have exceeded €1000pp. However with lots of negotiations and changes we have got this down to between €800-€850pp. The final figure will be confirmed once we have the required numbers and flights are booked.

Now the fun bit the proposed trip!!!!

Destination: Northern Italy (Verona, Venice, Milan & Lake Garda)

Proposed Travel Dates: Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th April 2024
(Please note dates are subject to change if flight prices increase).

Cost: Max €900pp which includes flights, hotel on half board, all attractions and insurance. It is our hope to keep the cost closer to €800-€850pp (Price depends on number travelling)

Deposit: €250 (due for payment by FRIDAY 17TH OF NOVEMBER)

Payment for the tour will be by online payment handled by the tour operator. The €250 deposit is non-refundable. We anticipate more than 46 students wishing to travel and as such students will be accommodated on a first come first serve basis. Unfortunately, we cannot bring more than 46 students as the tour operator cannot secure a larger coach.

****** IMPORTANT: Students are expected to return the overleaf permission slip between 8.30-8.50am on Tuesday 24th of October in room 21. The first 46 students will receive the details for payment with a unique code. We will create a waiting list for students after the 46th. Students given the code will have until November 17th to pay the deposit. If the deposit is not paid by that date their place will then move to the first and subsequent students on waiting list. ******



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We apologise that we cannot bring more students but this is out of our control. We also apologise for the short notice but we have been working to get this price down and are under pressure now to book flights before prices go up. Please note the school cannot handle any payments, these must go through the tour operator. No cash payments possible.

Please note that travel is subject to your son/ daughter adhering to all school rules and policies in school and on the tour. Also, you MUST have a valid passport with expiry after 27th of October 2024 and a valid European Health Insurance Card.

Should you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us at alittle@stfarnans.ie or nkenna@stfarnans.ie

Kind Regards,

Andrew Little

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I/ We the Parent/ Guardian(s) of _____ would like to express interest in my/ our Son/ Daughter travelling on the European Tour in April 2024. I/ We understand travel is subject to full payment of the total tour price (up to €850pp) and my/ our Son/ Daughter adhering to school rules and policies around behaviour and travel. I/ We agree to pay the non-refundable deposit of €250 through the online payment system before Friday 17th of November. I/ We can confirm that my son/ daughter has or will have a valid passport and European Health Insurance card.

Student Name as per Passport: _____

Parent/ Guardian(s) Signature: _____



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