

4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **St Michael's European Visit to Lake Garda, Italy – 4<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We are excited to announce that St Michael's summer European visit will return in 2025 with a fantastic trip to Lake Garda, Italy. This trip will take place from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

This cultural trip is open to all students from Year 7 to Year 10. The aim is to provide students with an opportunity to explore and appreciate the rich culture and history of Italy, potentially a destination they have not visited before. Over the years, St Michael's has organised successful trips to Italy, Austria, and Spain, which have been highly memorable for students. Many students have returned with positive experiences and cherished memories of their time abroad. This year, we will stay in one of the region's top 4-star hotels, Hotel Antares.

#### **Trip Details and What's Included:**

- **5 nights hotel accommodation** – students will stay in multi-bedded rooms
- **meals**
- **excursions and Activities:**
  - entry to **Gardaland Theme Park**
  - entry to **Caneva Water Park**
  - a **boat tour on Lake Garda**
  - **public transport tickets** for a day trip to Venice
- **executive coach travel** and the use of the coach throughout the stay

The cost of the trip will be **£860 per student**, which includes insurance, accommodation, meals, transport (including cross-channel ferry), and all scheduled activities. The trip will be supervised by experienced staff, including qualified first aiders.

#### **Payment Schedule:**

- **£150 non-refundable deposit** by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- **£200 non-refundable payment** by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- **£150 non-refundable payment** by 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025
- **£150 non-refundable payment** by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025
- **Final balance of £210 non-refundable payment** by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

All payments must be made via ParentPay. Deposits should be paid as soon as possible, as places are limited. If you experience any difficulties using ParentPay, please contact Mrs Brace or Mrs Thorp in the finance office for assistance.

**Important Notes:** St Michael's reserves the right to remove students from the trip if their attendance or behaviour is not satisfactory throughout the school year. In such cases, deposits and payments may be lost, depending on the travel company's ability to adjust the booking.

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To be considered for a place, please pay the deposit via ParentPay and return the completed contract of payment form by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Payment window will open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

If the trip is over subscribed, students' attendance and behaviour will be taken into consideration and we will notify successful applicants by letter, and refunds will be issued via ParentPay for any unsuccessful applications.

**Additional Information:**

For further details about the Cultural visit, please check out the promotional presentation delivered to students: <https://tinyurl.com/mrkew2fu>

We will be holding an informational meeting before the trip to provide more details and address any questions.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school on 0121 561 6881.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stuart Dix', written in a cursive style.

Mr Stuart Dix  
**Italy 2025 Tour Leader**

## St Michael's Cultural Visit to Lake Garda, Italy - Contract of Payment Form

### Trip Details:

Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> July - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Location: Lake Garda, Italy  
Cost: £860 per student

### Student Details

- Full name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Schedule

Please complete the payment on ParentPay according to the schedule below:

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### Terms & Conditions

1. All payments are non-refundable.
2. Participation may be withdrawn by the school due to unsatisfactory attendance or behaviour, in which case, deposits and payments may be forfeited.
3. The trip is limited in capacity. Should demand exceed availability, attendance and behaviour records will be considered, and unsuccessful applicants will receive refunds via ParentPay.
4. Payment window opens on **8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

### Agreement

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions of the payment schedule for the Italy Cultural Visit from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025. I understand that failure to meet the payment deadlines or satisfactory behavioural and attendance expectations may affect my child's eligibility for the trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**