



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

10th July 2025

Dear Geographers and Parent/Carer(s)

We are pleased to announce the 2026 GCSE Geography trip to the Bay of Naples, Italy. The trip will run at the beginning of the Easter holidays from **Thursday, 2nd April to Tuesday, 7th April 2026**. The trip includes visits to: Pompeii, Herculaneum, Mount Vesuvius*, boat trip to the Island of Capri*, as well as shopping and cultural activities in Sorrento. Please see the proposed itinerary below.

Draft Itinerary for the GCSE Geography Trip to Bay of Naples, Italy 2/4/26- 7/4/26

02/04 evening (time to be confirmed) meet at Penryn College to board the coach overnight to airport.

03/04 Flight to Naples airport. Visit to Naples Underground Tunnels. Transfer to Hotel in Sorrento and evening meal (pizza making).

04/04 Visit to Mount Vesuvius* and Pompeii with a sit-down lunch. Evening meal at the hotel or in local restaurant. Shopping in Sorrento in the evening.

05/04 Ferry from Sorrento to Capri* to undertake coastal walk with a packed lunch. Evening meal at the hotel or in local restaurant. Shopping in Sorrento in the evening

06/04 Visit to Herculaneum with packed lunch and gelato making activity. Flight from Naples back to the UK.

07/04 Coach transfer to Penryn College. Arrival in the early hours of the morning.

**Please be aware that this trip is physically demanding for students as it includes a lot of walking, including some steep and uneven terrain. Before securing a place on the trip, be sure that your child is comfortable with extended periods of sometimes challenging walking (similar to some of the more difficult sections of the coast paths around Cornwall), and discuss with Mrs. Westhead or Miss Greenaway any concerns you may have so that we can plan to provide support if necessary.*

The **estimated** cost is **£1300** payable via ParentPay which includes return flights, coach travel in Britain and Italy to all destinations, 3-star hotel accommodation in Sorrento for 3 nights, most meals, all entrance fees, insurance, and excursion costs.

Students will need an up to date British or EU passport (expiry date 6nd July 2026 or LATER). We will require colour photocopies of pupils' passports by October 2025 at the latest, so please be sure to apply for these documents, or renew them before that time if necessary. (NB: if your child does not have a British or other EU passport, please make this known to us in good time in case visa applications need to be made in advance at extra cost).

There are up to 45 places for students on this trip, which is open to all current year 10s taking GCSE Geography as well as Year 9s who are taking GCSE Geography next year. Please be aware that the History department will also be running a trip for Year 11 GCSE History pupils to Berlin in February 2026.

This is a very popular trip, so if your child would like to go, we recommend registering your interest as soon as possible by completing the consent form attached to this letter and returning it **to Mrs. Westhead or Miss Greenaway in Humanities by Thursday 17th July 2025**. In addition, a **£100 deposit must be paid using ParentPay by Friday 18th July to secure a place**. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, places will be allocated by a lottery of all students who have returned completed slips by the 17th July deadline. Please note: the school will only accept payment for the trip through ParentPay. If you need advice to set it up, please contact the Finance Office (ext 1224).

A further **£200 is required by Monday, 15th September 2025**. The remaining £1000 balance can be paid in full or instalments, however, we would ask that if you choose to pay in instalments, that regular monthly payments are made so that we know you're committed to the trip. **The full and final £1300 balance must be paid no later than Friday, 12th December, 2025.**

Please note that once the school has confirmed the booking we are legally contracted to pay the full amount. In signing and paying the deposit you are also legally contracted to pay the full balance, once allocated the place. Please bear this in mind when considering your approval.



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Please contact Miss Greenaway or Mrs. Westhead if you have any questions or concerns over this trip.

Yours faithfully,

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