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Dear Parent/Carer

Pre-Departure Meeting for Sicily, 2018:

As the departure date for the Sicily trip draws closer, we would like to invite you to a pre-departure meeting. The meeting will take place on **Monday 18th June at 5:30pm in the Newton Block, upstairs in the sixth form common room**. You will be given an information booklet, the trip itinerary and additional information about the final arrangements for the trip. It will also be an opportunity for you, if you have any, to ask further questions.

As you are aware, the students take part in a trek to the top of Stromboli while on the trip. This is a very exciting opportunity and a real highlight of the trip. There aren't many places in the world that offer the opportunity to encounter an exciting volcanic environment such as the one on Stromboli. The trek is booked through a company called **Volcano Adventures** and it is led by 2 specially trained, local mountain guides that are fully certified (volcanological and alpine guides). They are the only professionally qualified people in Sicily to accompany groups on active volcanoes and they all belong to "Collegio regionale Guide Alpine e Vulcanologiche Sicilia" and/or of the "Collegi Regionali Guide Alpine Italiane". It is mandatory for any person taking part in a trek on Stromboli to sign a waiver. As the students are still children they cannot sign it themselves, it must be their legal guardian. Therefore, I attach a copy of the waiver to be signed.

Once signed, please return the waiver to the main school reception, in an envelope with **'Sicily trip 2018'** clearly written on the front no later than **Friday 22nd June 2018**.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reconfirm our departure and arrival times from Fulford School.

Sunday 15th July 2018 – Meet at 1:45am outside the main school reception. The bus will depart at 2am for Manchester Airport.

Friday 20th July 2018 – Our flight lands at 15:00. We aim to arrive back at school around 18:30 – depending on traffic. Students will be told to send a text message home when we are approximately 1 hour away from school.



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FLIGHT DETAILS					
Departure Date	Departure Airport	Departure Time	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time	Airline
Sunday 15/07/2018	Manchester Airport	07:05	Catania Airport	11:25	Easyjet
Friday 20/07/2018	Catania Airport	12:25	Manchester Airport	15:00	Easyjet

I look forward to seeing you at the pre-departure meeting and thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Brady

Geography Teacher

What to pack – Suggested Items

Item	Packed?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking boots with a high ankle for the Stromboli Trek – this is essential. They can also be hired for the trek at a cost of 6-10 Euros. • Flashlight/head torch – for the Stromboli trip. • Sun cream (the higher the factor the better – 30+ as a minimum but ideally 50+) <i>we will be outside all day each day.</i> • After sun. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun hat/cap – very important!! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunglasses 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorts 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-Shirts 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumper (in case it is chilly on an evening and at the top of Mt. Etna is very cold) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coat (to travel in and for the top of Mt. Etna) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers with a grip that are comfortable to walk in for long periods. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip-flops – worn most of the time. • Sturdy sandals for walking on the pebble beach and in the gorge – preferably with Velcro strap (rough terrain). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks and underwear 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual clothes for an evening – still very warm on a night. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimwear – I advise packing something old for the mud baths as it will only be worn once. Then something else you can wear the rest of the week. • Plastic bags - to put the mud baths swimwear in as it smells strongly of sulphur and may transfer onto clean clothes – I suggest a double bagging as a minimum. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera (brought at own risk) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash bag and toiletries (do not put anything over 100ml in hand luggage). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towel (one will be provided but might be thin) best to bring a spare – especially for excursions (mud baths, water park etc). • A small hand towel to sit on, on the coach – the seats can get very sweaty. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insect repellent 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel sickness tablets (if needed) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel pillow 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plug adaptor 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipods, mobile phones, tablets etc are taken at own risk. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal medication e.g. inhaler, epipen etc – Clearly labelled if necessary. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Bottle – essential!! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading book 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nightwear 	

** This list is not an exhaustive list so students may want to bring other items not included in the list **

Municipal Ordinance N.11/05 – 24/03/2005

I, _____, date of birth _____ ,
nationality _____ am the parent/legal guardian of
_____, date of birth _____ , a
student at _____.

Declare

That I have taken note of the notices put up near the official notice boards and that I am aware of the difficulties and risks (regarding weather and volcanic conditions) associated with the excursion on the active volcano STROMBOLI;

That my child is in fit physical condition for the excursion;

That the equipment of my child is suitable for the excursion.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature