



Wednesday 17th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 8,

Re: Creative Arts Trip to Lake Garda, Italy – July 2026

Description of trip: The Gosford Hill School Creative Arts Trip will take place in Lake Garda, Italy, in 2026. The opportunity has arisen for us to open up this exciting trip to students in Year 8. This trip is especially suited to students who are considering studying Art, Food, or Drama at GCSE in Years 10 and 11. Students in Years 8, 9, 10, and 12 will have the chance to participate in a variety of workshops and activities in Art, Drama, or Food Technology. A full list of included activities is provided below.

Lake Garda is a stunning location, and the itinerary offers students a unique chance to explore historic Italian cities such as Verona and Venice, while also taking part in enriching workshops designed to enhance their learning and enjoyment in their chosen creative subjects. We understand that this may not be the ideal time to announce the trip and apologise for any inconvenience. However, the opportunity for Year 8 students to join has arisen, and we are delighted to extend this invitation to any Year 8 students who would like to participate.

Dates: Wednesday 8th – Tuesday 14th July 2026.

Location: Lake Garda, Italy.

Travel arrangements: Students will be collected from and returned to Gosford Hill School by coach. A more detailed list of suggested clothing/equipment to bring will be provided nearer the time.

Cost: The cost of the trip is **£862** and is fully inclusive of the following:

- Executive Coach Hire throughout the trip
- Ferry Transfers
- Half Board (breakfast and evening meals)
- 3* or better hotel accommodation
- Access to a swimming pool at our accommodation
- Travel insurance
- A variety of workshops in their chosen subject, led by school staff
- A visit to Venice (including water taxi)
- A visit to Verona (including the famous Colosseum)
- Visits to the beautiful and scenic Lake Garda
- Local Food workshops (ice cream or pasta making) for Food students



- A visit to Museum Di Plaza D'Arco in Mantova for Art students
- Evening entertainment including a Quiz Night and Pizza Night
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel

Payment instalments: The cost of the trip can be paid in instalments as follows:

Deposit 1: Tuesday 6 th January 2026	£150
Payment 1: Monday 9 th February 2026	£225
Payment 2: Monday 2 nd March 2026	£250
Payment 3: Monday 6 th April 2026	£237
Total	£862

Mandatory documents: Students must be in possession of a valid passport before leaving on the trip. Pupils from **non-EU countries must also be in possession of the appropriate visa/documentation to travel** to Italy. Students will need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which is available free from the NHS. <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>. Travel insurance is also included in the cost of the visit.

There are a limited number of places on this trip which will be offered on a first come, first served basis via ParentPay. Should any places become available after the advertised deadline, they will be advertised in school and on ParentPay. **Deposits are due by Tuesday 6th January.** Although unlikely, the price of the trip may vary slightly depending on the number of students who wish to travel. Any changes to the price will be communicated directly to parents at the earliest opportunity.

In accordance with Gosford Hill School's Charges and Remissions Policy, this activity cannot be funded without these voluntary contributions. If insufficient contributions are raised, then the trip may have to be cancelled. If you have any queries about the cost or wish to apply for financial assistance, please contact the Finance Office at finance@gosfordhillschool.org.

Once accepted on the trip, the deposit and any subsequent payments made will not be refunded under any circumstances unless there is a valid medical reason as to why the student cannot attend the trip. In the event that a student is requested by Gosford Hill School to withdraw due to behaviour related issues no payments will be refunded. Please note that Gosford Hill School reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour does not give the school the confidence to trust the student to act responsibly at all times. A Behaviour Policy will need to be signed and returned by both parent and student.

Please pay the deposit via ParentPay by **Tuesday 6th January 2026** to secure your child's place. Please also return a scanned copy of your child's passport and GHIC card, along with a signed Behaviour Policy in an email to ghstrips@gosfordhillschool.org.



Yours sincerely,

Mr L Smith and Miss E McCarthy
Creative Arts Trip Leaders



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BEHAVIOUR CODE OF CONDUCT CREATIVE ARTS TRIP 2026

The success of the trip is dependent on all the group working together to ensure that everybody has an enjoyable time. Consequently some rules are necessary to avoid situations which will endanger or inconvenience yourselves or others.

1. Whilst on visits to the various sights, Students must, under no circumstance leave the group.
2. Smoking of cigarettes, any vaping devices or taking of/smoking of illegal substances will not be allowed. It is absolutely forbidden in bedrooms or corridors and will also not be tolerated on either the coach or whilst on visits. It is illegal to smoke in public places in Italy
3. Drinking alcohol will not be allowed. It is absolutely forbidden to drink anywhere or purchase alcohol in local shops/duty free for consumption. Visits to local bars are also prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate sanctions. You risk being sent home. **DON'T DO IT!**
4. Visiting other people's rooms is not permitted after the evening entertainment activity, or the agreed bedtime. Physical relationships between students will not be permitted.
5. There will be an important daily brief of the days' activities during breakfast at the hotel. It is a requirement that the entire group attend this brief to receive their timed itinerary and instructions for the day. The day's allocation of money will also be distributed at this time.
6. The entire party will participate in the evening entertainment programme.
7. Remember that there may be other clients staying in the Hotel and also using the restaurant. Your conduct and behaviour will be very visible at all times and will need to be of the highest order.
8. Students must keep the emergency contact card/number that they will be issued with on them at all times.
9. Students will be expected to take part in all activities and follow all instructions of the staff leading the trip
10. If students fail to meet expectations, I understand that at the discretion of the teachers students may be required to miss activities included on the trip
11. If at the discretion of the trip leader a students behaviour means they cannot be trusted on the trip, then I understand that parents can be required to fly out and collect their child and remove them from the trip

I have read the above conditions and rules and do agree to comply with them.

NAME _____ **STUDENT SIGNATURE** _____

I/We have read the above conditions and rules and will expect my/our son/daughter to comply with them.

NAME _____ **PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE** _____