

CULTURAL EXCHANGE TRIP TO UDINE, ITALY



Venice

Burano

Udine

Dear Parents,

The English Department of our school can now confirm our trip to Italy as one of the 'other learning experiences' for your child. This study trip not only provides your child the opportunity to learn about a new country and develop his/her language skills but it also helps your child to become more independent and take the initiative and responsibility for his/her learning.

The application will only be open to **students of Secondary 4 and 6 classes**. We now have a good number of students interested but we only have **18** places. The decision of who will be chosen will be made in consultation with the Parent Teacher Association.

The cost of the exchange trip is **\$12,000**. This covers the cost of the chaperones, airline ticket, fuel surcharge and taxes, travel insurance, hotel accommodation in Venice, transportation, outings and entrance fees. The families in Udine have generously agreed to provide us accommodation free of charge. Two teacher chaperones will accompany the group as per the guidelines of the Education Department.

When we land in Venice, we will stay there for a few days to explore this city and help students acclimatize to a new country. Students will have to buy their lunch and dinner in Venice but hotel accommodation and breakfast are included in the price. The details of the hotel will be provided at the briefing. Transportation around Venice is also included.

We will leave for Udine by train. Host families will pick us up at the station. Hosting by the families is free but we will pay for our excursions in and around Udine. The name of the school we will be staying with is Liceo Marinelli School, 33100 Udine, Italy, telephone number 043246938. Details of the school can be found at www.liceomarinelli.it

Students will be studying in the same class as the host of your child and in the afternoons, a number of outings will be arranged to museums, churches and special places of interest in and around the town of Udine. Since we will be spending Easter there, a number of family events will be enjoyed by our students.

Please also note that it will still be cold then so a warm jacket is a must. Please have a check of forecasted temperatures on the Internet closer to the date of departure. Luggage is also limited to 20kg so if luggage is overweight, your child will need to pay for additional luggage or he/she may have to leave some things behind.

We have not finalized flights yet but are looking into these possibilities:

KLM flight:

KL 890T 27MAR HKG-AMS 0005-0545

KL1653T 27MAR AMS-VCE 0920-1110

KL1656T 07APR VCE-AMS 1755-1955

KL 889T 07APR AMS-HKG 2120-1430/08APR

Lufthansa flight:

LH 739 27MAR HKG-FRA 1340-1900

LH4090 27MAR FRA-VCE 2155-2310

LH4099 07APR VCE-MUC 1710-1815

LH 730 07APR MUC-HKG 2150-1450/08APR

Please show your interest by returning the reply slip before 3:30 p.m on Wednesday 2nd December if you agree for your child to join this trip. We will inform your child if he/she can join on 5th December. If chosen, a deposit cheque for \$5,000 made out to Shung Tak Catholic English College must be submitted by 3:30 p.m. on Monday 7th December to Ms. B Lee. If no cheque is received by this date, the space will be given to student(s) on the waiting list. The balance of \$7,000 must be paid by cheque on 9th December. Please note that once the full amount is paid, there can be no refund as we must make the airline bookings.

Our school will act as hosts to exchange students from Italy next year. We would like to see how many families can host these Italian students who will come to HK, so please indicate this on the reply slip as well. At this stage, the most likely dates for when Italian students will visit Hong Kong and require accommodation with host families are from 31/1/2010 to 7/2/2010.

We look forward to your reply and your support as we work together to broaden the horizons of your child.

In the meantime if there are any queries, please feel free to call Ms. Brenda Lee at 24753357.



Respectfully yours,

Ms Lau Fung-yi, Lucia
Principal

Reply Slip

SHUNG TAK CATHOLIC ENGLISH COLLEGE CIRCULAR #61 2009-10
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- I am interested in joining this study tour to Italy.
- I understand and agree to the contents of this circular.
- I can offer to host a student from Italy.

Name of Student: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's contact number: _____

Age of student: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

(Please return to Ms Brenda Lee or Ms Jojo Lau by Wednesday 2nd December 2009.)