

Matrix Academy Trust Turing Scheme – Italy visit Parent Info Pack **Updated version**

23.1.2024 - 30.1.2024



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Trip staff



**Ms Thompson
(Dame Elizabeth)**



**Ms Callanan
(Matrix)**



**Sir Aspinall
(Matrix)**



**Ms Thomson
(Bloxwich)**



**Mr Kendall
(Wednesfield)**

Day-by-day itinerary



Day 1 – 23rd January 2024

Departure

Smestow Academy Pupils arrive at **01:40**, coach departs at **01:55**

Meet Ms Callanan

Wednesfield Academy Pupils arrive at **02:15**, coach departs at **02:30**

Meet Mr Kendall

Bloxwich Academy Pupils arrive at **02:55**, coach departs at **03:10**

Meet Miss Thomson

Barr Beacon School Pupils arrive at **03:15**, coach departs at **03:30**

Meet Mr Aspinall

Dame Elizabeth & Turves Green Pupils arrive at **04:00**, coach departs at **04:15**

Meet Miss Thompson at **DAME ELIZABETH for both schools**

Etone College Pupils arrive at **02:45**, Miss Thompson and the minibus will depart at **03:00**

Meet Miss Thompson

Day 1 – 23rd January 2024

There will be no waiting for late arrivals, the coach must leave on time

Before the coach arrives, staff will:

- Take in pupil passports
- Take in GHIC / EHIC cards (if you have one – otherwise we need the application number emailed in advance)

Pupils must bring their actual documents with them.

If your child is not a UK national, please ensure they have their Biometric Residency Permit or proof of settled status and hand these in too.



Day 1 – 23rd January 2024

Morning Activity	Afternoon Activity	Evening Activity
<p>Fly to Rome Fiumicino</p> <p>Departure London Gatwick – 09:20</p> <p>Arrive Rome Fiumicino – 12:50</p>	<p>Coach to Hostel & settling in</p>	<p>Evening meal with host school</p>

*Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 2 – 24th January 2024

Morning Activity*	Afternoon Activity
School Visit Colosseum / Forum Castel Sant'Angelo Art Museum *group rotation	Gladiator Experience

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 3 – 25th January 2024

Morning Activity*	Afternoon Activity
School Visit Colosseum / Forum Castel Sant'Angelo Art Museum *group rotation	Museum of Dreamers Vigamus

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 4 – 26th January 2024

Morning Activity*	Afternoon Activity
School Visit Colosseum / Forum Castel Sant'Angelo Art Museum *group rotation	Zoo Spanish Steps Trevi Fountain

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 5 – 27th January 2024

Morning Activity*	Afternoon Activity
Adventure Park	Visit to Ostia

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 6 – 28th January 2024

Morning Activity*	Afternoon Activity
Mount Vesuvius	Visit to the Herculaneum

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 7– 29th January 2024

Morning Activity*	Afternoon Activity
School Visit Stadio Olimpico (all pupils will take part in the visit to the stadium, including those who have been to school that morning)	Visit to the Vatican

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will all be paid for

Day 8– 30th January 2024

- Coach to Airport 03:45
- Departure Rome Fiumicino – 06:50
- Arrive London Gatwick – 08:35
- Coach to School

Returning home

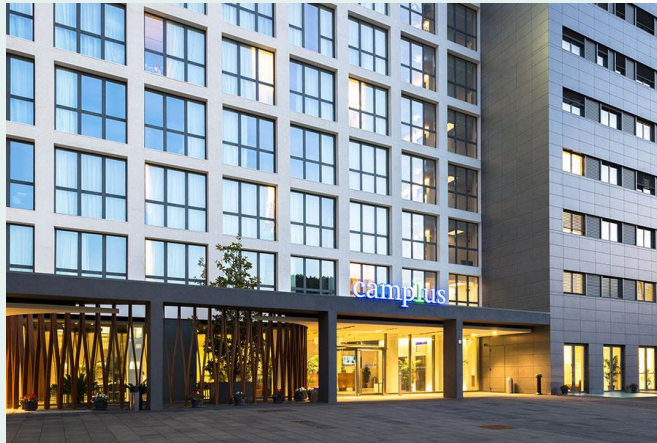
Tuesday 30th January

Please arrange for your child to be collected at the times listed below or email us at turingscheme@matrixacademytrust.co.uk if they are making their own way home.

Please note all times are approximate and we will contact you with more precise times when we are on the coach back from Gatwick.

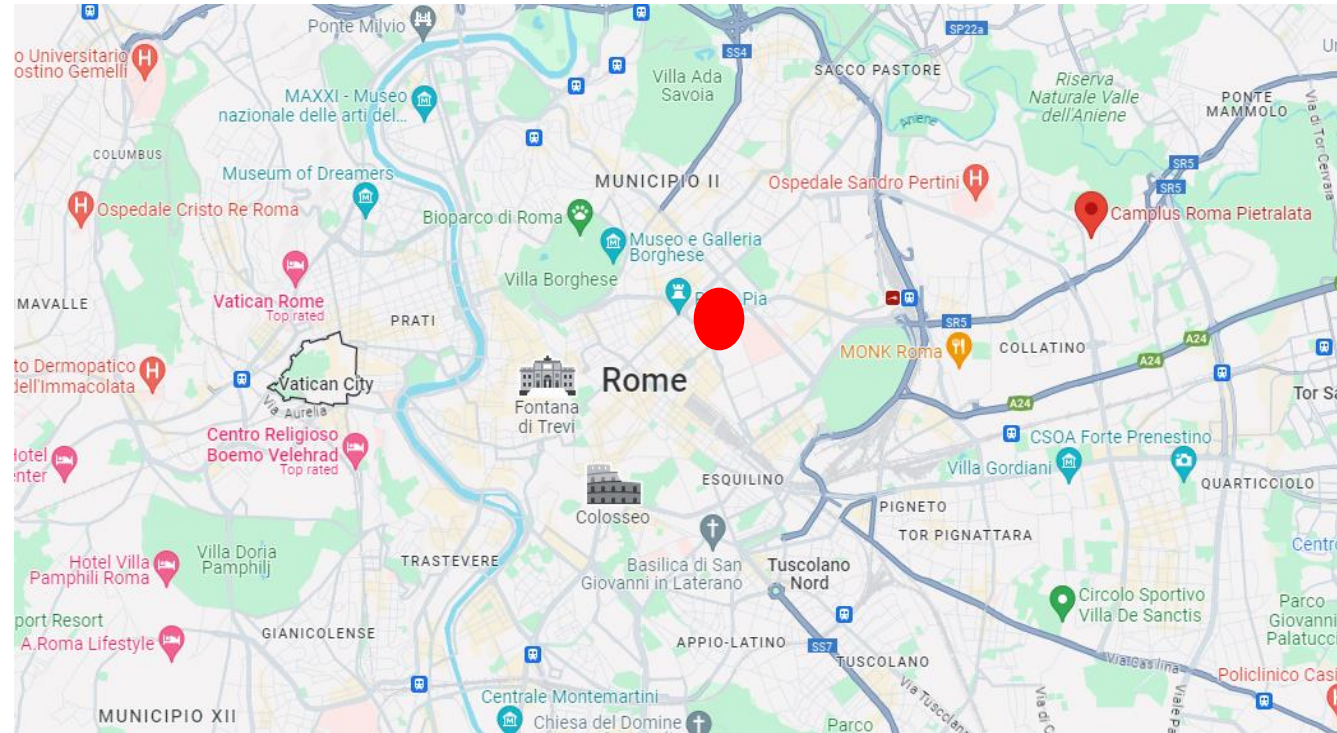
Smestow Academy	Wednesfield Academy	Bloxwich Academy	Barr Beacon School	Dame Elizabeth & Turves Green at DAME ELIZABETH for both schools	Etone College
15:35	15:00	14:45	14:15	13:30	14:30

Accommodation



Campplus Pietralata

Via del Cottanello, 12, 00158 Roma RM, Italy



Food

Your medical information form must have been returned to the lead staff member in your child's school

Please ensure that all dietary restrictions have been mentioned.

All food is included for pupils from Tuesday lunchtime until they return to school. **Please ensure they have breakfast and snacks for Tuesday breakfast and the coach journey.**



Packing list

1 Suitcase – 18KG MAXIMUM

- We will have scales to weigh the suitcases before you get on the coach in case we have to remove items from the suitcases!

1 Bag for the plane (small backpack)

Any toiletries (deodorant, spray, bodywash, shampoo etc) that are **over 100ml must be in your suitcase**, we recommend to put them in a carrier bag where should they leak, your clothes will be protected.

If you are carrying liquid in your hand luggage that is **under 100ml, it must be in small a sealable bag (20cmx20cm)**. This liquid should only be the necessary amount otherwise it will be confiscated and disposed of at the airport.

If you are bringing a reusable water bottle, you can empty your bottle before and sometimes there is a refill station after the security

Please put your toiletries, aftershaves, perfumes and cosmetics in **1 plastic bag**

✓ 100ml
and under



✗ Over 100ml
place in the bins provided



Packing List

What do I need to think about with packing?

We recommend that you bring a medium sized suitcase with you to Italy - no more than 18kg.

It's a good idea to count how many tops / jumpers/trousers/underwear/socks etc before you go. When packing your case, it is usually best to roll up these items to create the most space. Don't forget to bring an extra bag for laundry and leave some room / weight for souvenirs!

If you are bringing a reusable water bottle, you can empty your bottle before and sometimes there is a refill station after the security.

For more information on what not to put in your hand luggage please see <https://www.gov.uk/hand-luggage-restrictions>

The bag you bring on the plane should be no bigger than your school bag. You may wish to bring some snacks on the plane, chewy sweets are good for take off and landing.

If your child chooses to bring their phone / camera / digital items, it is not covered by our insurance and therefore Matrix Academy Trust will **not** be responsible for loss / damage / theft.



Suggesting Packing List

- Hold suitcase 18KG max
- Passport
- GHIC card or application number
- Biometric Residency Permit / Proof of settled status (if not a UK national)
- Sensible warm and waterproof coat
- Sensible footwear for lots of walking x2 pairs- Trainers / boots
- Jumpers /hoody/sweatshirt 4-5
- Jeans/jogging/leggings bottoms 2-3
- Long-sleeved tops 2-3
- Underwear and socks for the trip 7-8
- Scarf/hat/gloves

- Toiletries (a small pack of items with toilet bag shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash and lip salve)
- Book/magazine
- Camera/phone
- Medication that school is aware of
- Sanitary products
- Italian phrase book/knowledge organiser
- EU plug adaptor
- Charger cables
- Spending money (Euros)
- Reusable water bottle
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Pyjamas
- Memory book /diary



Phones

We are permitting pupils to take their phones, but this will be **at your own risk**.

If their phone gets lost /stolen/damaged during the trip Matrix Academy Trust will **not** be responsible.

Phone use must be appropriate and follow policy.

Pupils must have returned their acceptable use agreement, which clearly states phones may be confiscated or searched by staff if necessary.

Contact with school / your child



We have previously had issues with children telling their parents they're hungry, don't like the food or another problem but not telling staff on the trip.

Please can we request that your first response if your child says something like this to you is **“Have you told the teachers?”**. We will always fix problems that we know about!

We will be in regular contact with all of the schools so if there is a message that you need to get to a member of staff on the trip, please do so via the usual means of an email to the school postbox / call to House Office or reception.

The staff on the trip are very busy looking after the children so if you request a call back it will not be immediate, but they will call as soon as they can.



Medication

If your child has medication to take, the staff must be aware.

Pupils can keep and take their own medication, but staff must be aware from the medical form you have already handed in.

Please ensure any necessary medication is in date (ie inhalers) and that your child does bring this with them.

Insurance

- We have travel insurance for the trip – you are welcome to a copy if you wish, please email turingscheme@matrixacademytrust.co.uk to request these.
- EHIC/GHIC card is essential – please let us know if you need any help to apply for one. **We must have a copy of the card or the application reference number emailed in to turingscheme@matrixacademytrust.co.uk or returned to school.**
- Please avoid bringing expensive personal items as these are not covered by our insurance.
- If pupils lose personal property, we may not be able to make a police report as our priority is ensuring the safety of the pupils at all times.

Keeping safe during the trip

All children will be given an emergency trip phone number to contact

Pupils will be given a meeting point in places where they will be trusted to explore areas in small groups

In busy places / on public transport, we recommend pupils wear bags on their front / keep their hands in pockets on valuables just in case of pickpockets.



FAQs



What are the flight details?

Gatwick – Fiumicino VY 6229

Fiumicino – Gatwick VY 6229

How much money should we bring?

We recommend no more than €20 per day. All breakfast, lunch and dinner is bought for you whilst we are in Italy, so this will really be money for souvenirs / memorabilia.

Are we able to use credit / debit cards?

You will be able to use credit/debit cards abroad but please inform your bank before hand, some banks may have extra charges for using abroad as well as exchange rates.

Is it better to use cash or card?

It is very flexible you can do both, if you are using cash please ensure you have this before travel.

How much time will my child have to explore in their groups?

Children will be allowed to roam freely within enclosed areas (ie Museums, the Forum) where we will spend approximately 2 hours. When in open spaces (ie near the Trevi fountain) we will allow pupils to explore in small groups for approximately 30 minutes – 1 hour.



FAQs

Will my child be allowed Wednesday 31st January off?

No, we return at a reasonable time on the Tuesday in order to give the pupils enough rest to be refreshed for school.

Do they need a European plug?

Yes, you can purchase UK to EU plug adaptors on places like amazon or in most supermarkets.

Can we bring photocopies passport / GHICs / Settled Status / Residency Permit?

No, we must have original copies of the documents above. If you have not received your physical GHIC card, please email your reference number to turingscheme@matrixacademytrust.co.uk

Can I use my phone in Italy?

If you are bringing a mobile phone please ensure that you discuss using your phone and data internationally with your mobile phone provider. There can be very expensive charges for using your mobile internationally. We will not take any responsibility for any lost or damaged phones/devices or any phone charges.



FAQs

Where can I see what my child is doing?

We will be updating trust socials on a daily basis, please follow along <https://twitter.com/matrixacademyt>

Will my child be photographed?

We will be following permissions you have given to the school for photo permission. We will also ask your child if they want to be in the picture or not and will respect this.

What are will the temperature be like when we are there?

End of January in Rome tends to be lows of 3 and highs of 12 degrees Celsius. We recommend wearing layers as the sun may come out and be slightly warmer throughout the day. Please also ensure to bring a waterproof jacket as it may also rain.

If you have any more questions, please contact turingscheme@matrixacademytrust.co.uk

