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Dear Parent/Carers,

**Sixth Form Italian Exchange
February & May 2019
REDUCTION IN PRICE**

Further to my letter in September, I am writing to let you know that we have managed to reduce the price of the exchange to Siena **from £490 to £390** in order to enable as many students as possible to have access to the trip. If your son or daughter has already signed up to this trip, you will also be paying the reduced price.

We will be travelling and staying in Siena, in the centre of Tuscany, from 22nd-29th May 2019. We will be hosting the Italian exchange partners in February 2019 for 7 days (dates TBC).

Students will be staying with the local Italian families of students who attend the Istituto Monna Agnese, a prestigious language specialist school based in the historical centre of the beautiful city of Siena, just two minutes from the cathedral. They will experience Italian family-life and mealtimes, as well as making new friends with their Italian partners. We will strive to match students of similar age and interests. We hope this will give our students the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in Italian culture and language.

The trip will also provide students with the opportunity to sample Italian school-life in a language-specialist school, Istituto Monna Agnese, They will be spending two or three days attending lessons with their new Italian friends, will also be exploring the city, trying local cuisine, shopping and visiting nearby towns and cities, such as Florence, Pisa and San Gimignano. In Florence, we hope to visit the Uffizi Gallery, Duomo, Baptistery, Palazzo Pitti and the Piazza della Signoria. We also hope to arrange a visit to the Tuscan countryside and a typical Italian barbecue.

During the week in which we host the Italian students here, they will be visiting London and arranging various activities, as well as attending lessons. We will be joining the Italian students for a day-trip to Greenwich and various evening activities. Throughout the week, they will be spending time with your family, including all mealtimes.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the exchange please log into your ParentPay account to pay the initial deposit of £150 to secure your child's space.

Please note that spaces are limited. We will accept applications on a PAID 'first come first served' policy in the event of the trip being oversubscribed. We will then write to the successful participants with confirmation of their place and the final cost and payment plan once the trip is confirmed. Once we have confirmed your child's place **all deposits are non-refundable** and can only be refunded in the case of insurable circumstances – for example serious illness – for which we would need medical evidence in order to process a claim.

As with any school journey a student may be removed from the trip if they fail to meet the school's expectations with regard to behaviour, in the run up to the event. If such a situation arises it may not be possible to refund all, or any, of the monies paid depending on the deposits necessary to secure the trip and the refunds policy of companies employed on our behalf.

If you have any further queries after reading this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Yours sincerely

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Head of MFL Department**