



# Roma 19 Ciao Bella Citta



The Chaplain organised an educational trip to Rome for a group of Y10 pupils. They travelled out on the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov and returning on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The trip involves numerous churches especially the major cathedrals and basilicas. Pilgrimage according to GCSE topic, is very important in some religious traditions. Christians believe pilgrimage can help them develop spiritually and bring them closer to God.

Rome is a very important place of pilgrimage, particularly for Roman Catholics.

The Vatican is the home of the Pope, the spiritual head of the Catholic Church. They believe that Jesus appointed St Peter as the leader of his disciples. Some people go on pilgrimages simply because it is an opportunity for them to enjoy the feeling of connection with God and all His creations. ... On a pilgrimage, there is a feeling that all are equal in the eyes of God, regardless of their status in the everyday world.

The visits are linked to the RE curriculum e.g. the creation and the last judgment in the Sistine chapel, the tree of life in San Clemente. The complications of Brexit adds a challenge.

## A Roman "Holiday"

As we wiped the sleep from our eyes the pilgrims gathered at Heathrow T5 for a 4am start. Passports presented, checked in and with tired excitement we bid farewell to parents and London as we headed for 5 days in the Eternal City, Rome. Upon arrival we checked in and went for our first proper Italian meal. "A table for 11 people please?"



Afterwards it was off to explore the new city centre and to know our home for the next few days. The Piazzas, the fountains, the churches, the narrow streets. Comparing the step monitors apps on mobiles at the end of the day. It is amazing how they varied even though we walked the same routes. Technology?

Gelato, pizza, spaghetti and pasta were the order of the day. Buon Appetito tutti!



The Yr10 pilgrimage to Rome took in places that were related to the GCSE RE Curriculum. The Creation of Adam in the Sistine chapel, the Last Judgement, the history of the Catholic Church and the Tree of life in San Clemente church were among the places to go. We were able to understand the idea of pilgrimage and why pilgrims travel to holy sites such as the Vatican and Rome. The trip was a great success and thanks to the PTA for their support, especially their financial support. Year 9 have been offered the same for their start to Year 10 – Roma20.





# Reflections on Rome

Rome was a truly incredible experience. Whilst you can see the sightseeing viewpoint of the visit, there is also an incredible religious perspective that you can only see from a visit. With so many beautiful Basilicas and churches with fantastic historical back story dating back thousands of years to the Romans and even Peter. The food was exquisite and the opportunities were once in a lifetime.

**Owen**

During our pilgrimage to Rome, we got to experience a plentiful amount of Italian culture, sights and authentic food. Some of the highlights of our trip include going to the Vatican and listening to the Pope speak, going to the Colosseum and most importantly getting to explore Rome on foot and gaining the confidence to talk to street sellers. To conclude, I believe that this was a truly worthwhile and eye-opening trip that I would recommend everyone experience. **Gintaras**

Going to Rome was a wonderful experience. We stayed in a 4\* hotel and we were treated with a lovely breakfast buffet every morning. Waking up early we visited the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City and loads more places, and ate a lot of traditional dishes. In the evening we hustled with the street sellers to get souvenirs and toys for cheap. Overall it was a great experience and a great chance to bond and get to know my teachers and peers. **Rhuvawn**

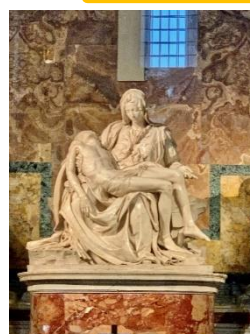
This year's NCC trip to Rome was a fantastic experience. We got to see the religious side of the city as well as the iconic sights of Italy such as the Colosseum and the Vatican. We got to experience freedom and also fresh air! A real taste of Italy everyday. We also had a lot of fun haggling with street sellers and attempting to bargain. We learnt some words in Italian and ordered lunch everyday. The trip was fun and I wished we could stay again at least one more day. **Chineme**

The Rome trip was my favourite trip abroad. In Year 6, I went to the beautiful island in Spain and I thought it would be the best trip I'd ever go to in my life. I was proven wrong. Rome...The sights were unique, the hotel was pretty nice. The trip made me more religious and the food was to die for. Honestly. **Thierry**



In quest gita scolastica, abbiamo visitato il Vaticano, il colosseo, piazza del popolo etc. La cosa che mi ha colpito di più era la verdura il papa e in emozione che non scordano mai. Poi mi è piaciuto che tutti quanti erano felici insieme. Un'altra cosa che mi è piaciuta molto è che Mr Roche e Ms Grace erano bravissimi e mi hanno aiutato molto sia a me che ai tutti gli altri studenti. **Samuel**

**We saw Pope Francis from his window**



**Artworks – The Creation of Adam, The Pieta, The Tree of Life part of the GCSE RE Curriculum**