

Coláiste Pobail na Mainistreach
Bóthar na Mainistreach, An Port Mór, Portláirge, X91 PC91
Priomhoide: Michelle Ni Sheafraidh
Leas-Phriomhoide: Colm de Ris
Leas-Phriomhoide: Helen Ni Chonchubhair
Leas-Phriomhoide: Laura Ni Ghiolla Phádraig

Abbey Community College
Abbey Road, Ferrybank, Waterford, X91 PC91
Principal: Michelle Jefford
Deputy Principal: Colm Rice
Deputy Principal: Helen O'Connor
Deputy Principal: Laura Fitzpatrick



Tel: 051 832 930
info@abbeycommunitycollege.com
www.abbeycommunitycollege.com

RE: Transition Year School Tour, Lake Garda, Italy – March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that this year, we are offering an optional trip abroad for our T.Y students. The destination of this year's school tour will be Lake Garda, Italy. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience this beautiful region. Please read the letter carefully as it outlines tour dates, tour details, cost, payment schedule and how to apply to travel on this year's tour.

DATE OF TOUR:

Saturday, 1st March - Tuesday, 4th March 2025 inclusive.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Dublin - Milan return flights on scheduled airline services.
One small item of hand luggage (40x20x25cm).
One item of luggage per person (10kg).
3 nights B&B hotel accommodation in Lake Garda.
3 evening meals served at the hotel.
Coach transfers to and from Dublin airport.
Exclusive use of a coach in Italy for the duration of the tour.
Guided sightseeing tour of Venice.
Entrance to the Roman Arena in Verona.
Sightseeing boat trip on Lake Garda.
Monte Baldo cable car.
Entrance to Juliet's House.
Return Vaporetto water taxi to Venice.
Entrance to Murano Glass Factory.
Jungle Adventure Park.
Fully comprehensive insurance cover.

(Itinerary may be subject to change)

COST OF TOUR:

The cost of the tour will be approximately **€800** per person. This is the maximum cost but the overall cost is subject to numbers travelling.
Please note this will be paid in instalments through the **School Tour Company portal**. Details to follow once the tour group has been set up.

A student's place on the tour is conditional until all payments have been received by the tour company.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for a place on the tour students are required to:

- Submit the completed application forms to **Ms. Walsh (Home Economics Room in B2) in person by 3.40pm on Monday 30th September 2025.**
- As places are limited, applicants will be drawn at random and the first 48 students out of the draw will receive a booking code which will allow their parents/guardians to pay the deposit online. This will be issued through Microsoft Teams. A new Team will be set up to outline all the necessary information.
- To secure the flights, the first deposit (€200) is to be paid directly to the school tour company by **Monday, 7th October 2025** using the booking code. Failure to pay by this date will result in the student losing their place on the tour. This place will then be offered to the next student on the waiting list.
- The remaining cost of the tour will be paid directly to the tour company according to their payment schedule.

Places are limited so a draw will be made to determine who will be going on the tour.
Students will be informed of their place on the list once the draw has been completed.

Applications will be reviewed by the relevant school authorities. A student's suitability to travel will be taken into consideration before a place can be confirmed on the tour i.e., behaviour, medical conditions, attendance, emotional/physiological well-being, physical health and relevant health and safety concerns.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is vital that the name supplied on the application form exactly matches the name on the student's passport as this information will be used to book the flights. Please check passport is in date at the time of travel.

Parents/Guardians should also be aware of their duty to inform the school of any relevant health and safety issues which may affect their child/children or the tour team while on tour.

The offer of a place on the tour remains conditional until the date of travel.

Abbey Community College's code of behaviour will apply on this tour.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the tour leader, Ms. Connery, or any member of the tour team.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable tour.

Yours Sincerely,
Ms. Walsh
Tour Leader