

## Classics Visit to the Bay of Naples July 2015

The school visit to the Bay of Naples was definitely an experience to remember. Not only were we able to learn a great deal about the people who lived hundreds of years ago, but we also learnt more about ourselves: we had to live together and, more importantly, had to be independent. Most mornings had an early start with four loud alarms going off simultaneously at 5am. Yet everyone was buzzing for the day ahead. We experienced such a fantastic range of activities, from guided tours (given by us the students) in the ancient city of Pompeii, to climbing up a steep hill to Tiberius' palace on the luxurious island of Capri in temperatures as high as 40 degrees centigrade!

We also had a chance to see Herculaneum, this time accompanied by Paulo, our fantastic tour guide. But the fun had only just begun: we began to do the trek that would end all treks –the hike up Mount Vesuvius! After being cheated of our hiking sticks and with an ever desperate need for water, we set off. Step by step, we climbed until we reached the top where we were greeted by the sight of an un-steamy volcano (all eyes were on Mr McClelland for that one) and magnets being sold at a 'bargain price'. Nevertheless, the view of the whole of Naples could not be more beautiful and was a wonder in itself. Overall, the Bay of Naples was an 'optimus iter' (excellent journey), filled with selfie sticks, fresh food, laughter and memories. It will never be forgotten.



**Students from 11W**