



# ABINGDON

From: Dr Chris Burnand : Head of Classics

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To parents

## **Hadrian's Wall Residential Trip**

The Classics Department are offering the chance for your son to visit Hadrian's Wall, one of the greatest examples of Roman engineering and military organisation in existence. The wall originally stretched across the whole width of the country and what remains of it now is set in the breathtaking scenery of Northumbria. This trip will run over the Exeat weekend and the Friday before it. (Friday 4 May – Sunday 6 May). Though this will mean your son will miss his usual lessons on Friday, we hope that this is off-set by the opportunity to study the wall first-hand. The trip will be of great interest to all Third Years studying Latin or Classical Civilisation, and it is also timed to coincide with project work that the Classical Civilisation sets will be carrying out on Hadrian's Wall next term.

During the course of the trip we will be walking along stretches of the wall, as well as visiting the Roman forts of Chesters, Arbeia and Housesteads, viewing the fascinating evidence of everyday Roman life found at the site of Vindolanda, and seeing the Roman Army Museum.

We will be staying at a residential centre in Birdoswald, another Roman fort, which offers excellent accommodation and facilities for school groups while being a stone's throw from some particularly impressive sections of the wall.

The trip will be leaving in the morning on Friday 4 May 2012 and returning on the evening of Sunday 6 May. The total cost is £140, which covers transport, food, accommodation and entrance to all the sites. If you would like to reserve your son a place on this trip, please return the form below, with a deposit of £50 made payable to "Abingdon School", directly to me or via his Latin or Classical Civilisation teacher as soon as possible, and by Friday 10 February at the latest. Numbers are limited so a quick response is advisable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ring me at school, at home (01865 341590), or contact me by email ([chris.burnand@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:chris.burnand@abingdon.org.uk)).

Yours sincerely

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To: C J Burnand, Abingdon School

Name of pupil: .....

Tutor group: .....

I would like my son to attend the trip to Hadrian's Wall next May and enclose a non-refundable deposit cheque for £50 made payable to "Abingdon School".

Signed: ..... (Parent/guardian