



From Adam Jenkins: Classics Department

29 January 2016

Dear Parent,

The Classics Department is 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 29 April – Sunday 1 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 is open to all third year boys studying Latin or Ancient History and coincides with project work that the Ancient History sets will be carrying out on Hadrian's Wall.

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.

The trip will be led by myself and Miss Moore. We will be staying at Birdoswald Farmhouse, a residential centre owned by English Heritage that is actually built within the remains of a Roman fort, a stone's throw from some particularly impressive sections of the wall.

The trip will be leaving in the morning of Friday 29 April and returning on Sunday evening 1 May. The total cost is £150, 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 along with a cheque for £50 made payable to Abingdon School directly to me or via Dr Burnand as soon as possible, and by Monday 8 February at the latest. Please note that by completing the consent form you are committing to the total cost of the trip. The non-refundable deposit secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance of payment being applied to your school bill is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred. Numbers are strictly limited and places have previously run out very quickly, so a quick response is advisable.

Yours sincerely

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To: A Jenkins, Abingdon School

Name of pupil:

Tutor group:

I would like my son to attend the 2016 trip to Hadrian's Wall. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £50 and am happy for the balance of £100 to be added to the next school bill.

Signed: (Parent/guardian)