



ABINGDON

From Chris Burnand: Head of Classics

20 November 2015

Dear Parent,

Abingdon Classics Department
GREECE 2016
Sunday 23 October – Sunday 30 October

Greece offers a wealth of pre-classical and classical sites from Mycenaean palaces, through the remains of urban centres such as Greek and Roman Athens, to those perched on remote hillsides such as Delphi. The new Acropolis Museum and many other museums have been recently renovated – so it is a particularly good time to be going to Greece. We will be using Hellene Travel again, and we will be doing our own guiding around sites.

In Athens we will visit the Acropolis, the Pnyx, Agora, National Museum and new Acropolis Museum. In Attica there will also be a visit to the temple of Poseidon at Sounion, as well as to Marathon. We will follow an anti-clockwise route, visiting the ancient oracle of Delphi, the stadium and sanctuary of Olympia, the remote temple of Bassae, the Mycenaean citadels of Tiryns and of Mycenae itself, Nemea, Argos, Roman Corinth and the dominant fortifications of Acrocorinth, and the excellently preserved theatre of Epidaurus.

We will be staying in four different places, and the tour price includes half-board, air fares, all travel in Greece and entrance to the sites (but not the cost of lunches or of getting to and from Heathrow: I will organise a coach for those who wish to use it from Abingdon).

The cost will be between £750 and £780 (based on a minimum of 35 pupils taking part – the precise cost ultimately dependent on the number who sign up). The first non-refundable deposit is £100, payable by Thursday 10 December; half the remaining cost will be put on the school bill at the end of the Lent Term, and the other half on the Summer bill. The Bursary ask me to note that by completing the consent form, you are committing to the total cost of the trip (providing the trip proceeds). The completed consent form secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals.

If you are interested, please return the slip below to me with a cheque for £100, made payable to Abingdon School, by **Thursday 10 December**. However, places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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).

Yours sincerely

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To: Mr Burnand

I would like to book a place for the 2016 Greece trip for my son

..... Date of birth

(Please give first name and surname **exactly** as on passport, needed for flight-booking.)
I enclose a cheque for £100 as a non-refundable deposit, and I understand that I am
committing to the full cost of the trip.

Signed.....

Contact email:.....