



# ABINGDON

From i/c Sailing: Ben Simmons

9 September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Sailing Club Annual Greece Trip  
Open to pupils in the fifth and sixth forms 2-9 July 2017

Abingdon's sailing club would like to invite all fifth and sixth form students to participate in our annual yachting trip to Greece. Under the guidance of qualified staff we will sail two 50ft Bavaria yachts around the Aegean Islands stopping to sightsee at places of interest. The purpose of the trip is to develop yacht-handling techniques in order to work towards the requisite skills required for the day skipper or coastal skipper awards.

No previous experience of yacht sailing is required and the students who have taken part in this trip in previous years have ranged in experience from having never been on board a yacht before to already holding their day skipper. The estimated cost will be £750 but this price is dependent upon a) a minimum number of pupils consenting to take part in the trip and b) the final cost of flights. If interest or the flight costs were to push the price beyond £750 we would get back to you. This price will be all-inclusive, except for dinners, which we will be having at tavernas onshore (at modest expense). The school will pay the deposit to cover damage to the boats, but in the unlikely event that there were to be a surcharge, we would have to share that cost across the participants on the trip.

If you are interested, please return the slip below to Mr Simmons with a non-refundable cheque deposit for £250, made payable to Abingdon School by Friday 23 September. There are only a limited number of places available (16) which will be filled based on the experience of those who have applied. The remaining cost of the trip will be charged in two instalments of £250 on the school bills in December and April.

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of the trip. 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. The proposed splitting of the charge across the next two school bills is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Yours sincerely

Ben Simmons  
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School Mobile Number for Duration of Trip: 07532088861

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To: Mr Simmons

I would like to book a place for the 2017 Greek sailing trip for my son. I enclose a cheque deposit of £250 and agree to two further instalments of £250 being charged on the December and April school bills.

Son's name:..... Year group:..... Date of birth: .....

I enclose a photocopy of my son's passport. Please note that this is necessary even if I have had it before as all confidential information is destroyed after each trip.

Signed.....