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From Head of Classics: Chris Burnand

24 November 2017

Dear Parent,

Abingdon Classics Department
ROME and ITALY
Saturday 20 October – Friday 26 October 2018

This will be an opportunity to see and learn about many of the most famous monuments of the ancient world.

We will begin in Rome, visiting among other sites, the monumental Colosseum, the imperial Baths of Caracalla, the Forum and Senate House, the imperial palace on the Palatine, the Circus Maximus, the circular Pantheon, whose concrete dome remained the largest in the world until the mid-twentieth century, and an unparalleled range of surviving Roman art. We will also make a half-day excursion to the port of Ostia.

In the second half of the trip we will move south to the Bay of Naples, via Capua's amphitheatre and gladiator museum. Based in Sorrento we will explore the towns and villas preserved by the eruption of Vesuvius, most famously Pompeii, Caecilius' home-town, and many of the other places familiar from Book 1 of the *CLC*. But we will also visit Herculaneum, right underneath the volcano, the villa at Oplontis, and the Naples Museum where most of the excavated mosaics, frescoes and statues are to be seen. In addition we will make a day-trip down the Amalfi Coast to visit the Greek polis of Paestum with its extremely well preserved collection of temples.

We will be staying at two hotels (one in Rome and one in Sorrento); the tour price will include half-board, air fares, and all travel in Italy and entry to the sites (but not the cost of lunches or of getting to the British airport from Abingdon: I will organise a coach for those who wish to use it).

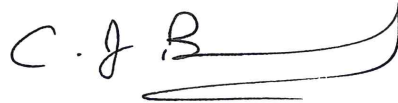
The cost will be in the region of £825-50 according to the size of the final party. The deposit is £270, payable by Wednesday 13 December. The Bursary ask me to note that by completing the consent form, you are committing to the total cost of the trip (providing the trip proceeds). The completed consent form secures your son's place, and thereafter the school will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance will be added to the bill at the end of the Spring Term.

A limited fund is available for boys who are currently on school bursaries to enable them to attend this trip – please contact Mrs Clare Butcher in the Bursary (clare.butcher@abingdon.org.uk) for further details by Wednesday 6 December if you would like to apply for this.

If you are interested, please return the slip below to me with a cheque for £270, made payable to Abingdon School, by **Wednesday 13 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 2018 Rome and Italy trip for my son. (Please give **all** your son's names **exactly** as they appear on his passport, needed for flight-booking - there will be a surcharge if this is wrong.)

Full name.....

Date of birth.....

and I enclose a cheque for £270 as a non-refundable deposit, and I understand that I am committing to the full cost of the trip.

Signed.....