

Dear Parent/Carer,

5 May 2017

Sailing Club Greece Trip Open to pupils currently in the middle school Sunday 8 – Sunday 15 July **2018**

Abingdon's sailing club would like to invite 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. Please note that the week from Sunday 8 – Sunday 15 July is open to current middle school boys only.

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 £785 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 this value 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 complete the link to the attached form consenting to a deposit \pounds 300 and initial payment of \pounds 242.50 being charged on the bill at this term with the final payment of \pounds 300 being charged on the Christmas bills.

Consent form: https://goo.gl/forms/bXAeZzZmCO3ZqW6R2

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 splitting of the charge across the school bills is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Yours sincerely

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