



ABINGDON

From the Head of Classics: Hugh Price

18 June 2021

Dear parents

Abingdon Classics Department - GREECE 2022 - Saturday 2 April – Friday 8 April

After a long delay due to Covid, we are excited to announce that the annual Classics trip is back! Because our usual October slot is not possible, we are going in a different slot this coming year: the first week of the Easter holidays.

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. We will be using Hellene Travel, 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 Marathon. We will follow an anti-clockwise route, visiting the ancient oracle of Delphi, the stadium and sanctuary of Olympia, the citadel of Mycenae, Nemea, 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 from Abingdon).

Unfortunately, due to the sites no longer offering free entry to school parties, the cost has increased and will be between £950 and £990 (based on 42 pupils taking part – the precise cost ultimately dependent on the number who sign up). The first non-refundable deposit is £400, which will be added to the September bill; the remaining cost will be put on the school bill payable in January. 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. We await confirmation of insurance coverage in September. Should this not happen, the deposit will be refunded at this point). The completed consent form secures your child's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals.

I should also point out that, by being in a new slot this trip may clash with others which may not have been advertised yet; in past years, for example, the French and German departments have run exchanges (mainly for the 4th year) in the first week of the Easter holidays.

If you are interested, please return the slip below to me signed (whether in hard copy or electronically) by **Monday 28 June**. However, places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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To: Hugh Price

I would like to book a place for the 2022 Greece trip for my child, and I understand that I am committing to the full cost of the trip. I give permission for £400 to be added as a non-refundable deposit to the spring-term bill, and the rest to be added to the summer bill.

Signed.....

Contact email:.....

The surname of your child (exactly as it appears on their passport)

ALL the first names of your child (as on passport)

Date of birth Nationality

(Please give all these details **exactly** as they appear on your child's passport - needed for flight-booking.)