



ABINGDON

From: Head of Physics, Ben Simmons

2 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**South Coast Summer Yachting Trip
Open to pupils in the middle and upper school
3-8 July 2022**

In summer 2022, Abingdon will be offering a yachting trip. The annual yachting trip has often been to Greece but due to COVID uncertainty will take place on the South Coast of England in 2022. Under the guidance of qualified staff, we will sail two yachts from Gosport stopping to sightsee at places of interest. If COVID restrictions allow this may include a sail across the channel to either France or Guernsey. The purpose of the trip is to develop yacht-handling techniques and to provide the mileage and experience required for students to access a day skipper training course in the future. This trip is open to pupils from years 4 – L6 and we will depart from school in the afternoon of Sunday 3 July and return in the afternoon of Friday 8 July.

No previous experience of sailing is required and the students who have taken part in this trip in previous years have had a range of expertise. The estimated cost will be £600 including all food and activity 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 boat rental. If the level of interest were to push the price beyond this value, we would get back to you. 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. Please note that this trip does not come with COVID insurance as it is not run by an external company. In the event the trip was unable to take place, money would be refunded for all costs apart from those that are associated with boat charter and hence are unrecoverable.

If your child would like to take part then please complete the consent form linked below. The full cost of the trip will be collected on the school bill at the end of this term.

Consent form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX-8SxhAIU8DY74vYjpAq06jr9kuYFNHmi1gsSxtCB7xQimg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Yours sincerely

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