



22nd April 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: GCSE and A Level Classical Civilisations Trip to Greece – Sunday 16th February - Friday 21st February 2025

We are delighted to be offering a 6-day residential trip to Greece during the February half term next year. The trip will run from Sunday 16th February to Friday 21st February 2025. The cost of the trip will depend in part on the numbers who take this up; currently we estimate that the cost will be **£1050.00** per student. We do not anticipate a cost increase, however if there is a reduction to this price you will be notified, and we will apply it to the final payment.

This trip will be extremely beneficial to students studying Classics at GCSE and A-Level. Several of the ancient sites and architecture we will be visiting form a significant part of both exam specifications. We have led several Classics residential trips in the past, which have been extremely popular.

The tour company we shall be using, Select School Tours (formerly STS), is a specialist in worldwide educational school trips.

We will have return flights flying from a London Airport to Athens and then a coach tour around the main ancient sites. We shall be staying in hotels in Athens, Delphi, Olympia and Tolon, all with en-suite rooms; breakfast and dinner are included at each hotel. Students will be allocated 5 Euros daily for lunch. The price of the trip also includes a trip hoodie for each student.

Please note that this trip will be available via School Gateway on Friday 26th April 2024 at 10.00am.

The following itinerary is only a guide. Some visits may fall on different days. A more detailed itinerary will follow when accommodation and flights have been confirmed.

Day 1

Arrive at school and travel by coach to a London Airport. Flight to Athens and transfer to accommodation in Athens, where the first night will be spent. Subject to flight times we will commence visits to the archaeological sites and museums in Athens in the afternoon of the first day.

Day 2

Visits to sites in Athen including the Acropolis Archaeological Site, and National Archaeological Museum. Travel by coach to Delphi, where the second night will be spent.

Day 3

Visit Delphi Museum and Archaeological site – walk the Sacred Way to reach the Temple of Appollo, site of the Oracle of Delphi. Transfer by coach to Olympia – the ancient site of the Olympic Games. Arrive at accommodation, staying overnight in Olympia.

Day 4

Visit to the Sanctuary of Zeus, ancient Olympic Stadium and Archaeological Museum of Olympia. Travel by coach across the Peloponnese to Tolon, where the fourth night will be spent.

Day 5

Full day undertaking excursions to Mycenae – the city of King Aramemnon, Napflion – the capital of the Argolid, and Epidauros – site of an incredibly well preserved ancient Greek theatre. A second night is spent at the accommodation in Tolon.

Day 6

Transfer from Tolon to Athens airport by coach. Subject to the flight time this could include a stip in Athens and potential visit to further sites. Following the flight back to the UK, a coach transfer will return us to school.

If you wish your son or daughter to take part in this trip a **non-refundable** deposit of **£100 is required by Friday 26th April 2024 at 10.00am** to be paid online using School Gateway website.

Please be aware that if you are registered for free school meals there is funding available of 25% (£262.50) towards the cost of this trip. Please note the discount be applied to the last instalments on School Gateway.

Further payments will need to be made online using the School Gateway website and will need to be received as follows:

- **£100.00 by Friday 26th April 2024 (non-refundable deposit)**
- **£140.00 by Friday 31st May 2024**
- **£135.00 by Friday 28th June 2024**
- **£135.00 by Friday 26th July 2024**
- **£135.00 by Friday 30th August 2024**
- **£135.00 by Friday 27th September 2024**
- **£135.00 by Friday 25th October 2024**
- **£135.00 by Friday 29th November 2024**

You may pay more than the required amount each month if you prefer and therefore complete payment earlier or pay the full amount at any time. **Please ensure that payment dates are strictly adhered to.**

Please ensure that your son/daughter has their own passport which must have at least three months remaining following the month of return (runs to the end of May) and an in-date EHIC card or GHIC card.

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

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A. Rowe
Teacher of Classics

How to make payment:

Log on to: School Gateway

Select: Make a payment

Select: **Greece 2025**

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

We will gain the following information for your child from Arbor:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)

No further information or comment is required.

It is important that we have this information for the trip leader in case of an emergency and for Health & Safety reasons.