

19^h March 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: GCSE and A Level Classical Civilisations Trip to Greece – Sunday 14th February - Friday 19th February 2027

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 14th February to Friday 19th February 2027. The cost of the trip will be **£1095.00** per student. The places for this trip are available on a first come first serve basis.

Due to early booking of the trip, some airlines have not yet released their flight schedule for next February. As a result, there may be an additional cost of up to £75 per student if we are unable to secure low-cost flights for the trip.

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. Please be aware that after places on the trip are confirmed, you will be required to submit your child's passport details and other information on the Select Travel online portal. Please ensure that you input this correctly, as these details go directly to the travel company for creating flight boarding passes.

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 approximately 45 Euros across the trip for lunch. The price of the trip also includes a trip hoody for each student.

Please note that this trip will be available via School Gateway on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 9.00am.

The following itinerary is only a guide. Some visits may fall on different days. A more detailed itinerary will follow at the Parents' meeting in January 2027 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 Athens 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 Apollo, 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 Agamemnon, Nafplion – the capital of the Argolid, and Epidaurus – 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 should include a visit to the Eleusis archaeological site. 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 Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 9.00am** 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 (£80) 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 Wednesday 25th March 2026 (non-refundable deposit)**
- **£140.00 by Friday 24th April 2026**
- **£142.50 by Friday 29th May 2026**
- **£142.50 by Friday 26th June 2026**
- **£142.50 by Friday 31st July 2026**
- **£142.50 by Friday 28th August 2026**
- **£142.50 by Friday 25th September 2026**
- **£142.50 by Friday 30th October 2026**

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.**

School trips are a tremendous privilege and an important part of our wider curriculum. In order for these experiences to run smoothly and safely, we must have the utmost confidence in the exemplary



behaviour of all participating students. The school therefore reserves the right to decline a student's place on a trip, or to withdraw a place already offered, if behaviour or attitude gives cause for concern or is deemed likely to place the success or safety of the trip at risk.

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. Students **must** have a passport for the trip, identity cards will **not** be accepted.

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

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A. Rowe
Head of Classics

How to make payment:

Log on to: School Gateway

Select: Make a payment

Select: **Greece 2027**

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

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

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

No further information or comment is required.

