



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

From Mr Tom Vallance MA

Classics Department

Dear Parents,

Classics Trip to Mainland Greece, Easter 2017 – open to all year groups

As the new academic year begins, this seems an excellent opportunity to contact you once again about the planned Classics Department trip to Greece during the 2017 Easter holidays. A large number are already signed up, but places are still available for pupils from all years with an interest in Classical language and history. The trip will run for seven days, taking in numerous Classical sites on the Greek mainland, including Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Nemea, Epidaurus, Sounion and Eleusis. Three teachers from the Classics Department will accompany the pupils.

We are organising the trip through Hellene Travel, an ATOL-protected company specialising in school trips to Classical sites. The expected cost of the trip is £850 per pupil, but this could go up or down a little depending on the numbers. The provisional dates of the trip are Friday 31st March to Thursday 6th April.

We will be staying in Athens, Delphi, Olympia and Tolon, with transport provided by the tour company for when we require it. Accommodation (including breakfast and dinner), insurance, flights and other transport (including any airport taxes and security charges), lunch every day, a contingency fund, and entry to the sites are included in the price of the trip.

The purpose of this initial letter is to ask you to confirm your interest in sending your child on the trip, so that we can give the travel company an idea of numbers in order to firm up the final cost. Please do this by returning the attached form to me, either in hard copy or by email, no later than the 23rd of September. I will also need to request a deposit of £100 (payable by cheque to Magdalen College School), which should be posted to me at school along with the form, or handed in at Reception in a clearly marked envelope. BACS transfer is also possible; please email me for details.

There will also be an information evening for pupils and parents during Hilary term. I look forward to hearing from many of you in the very near future with your expressions of interest. Of course, if you have any questions about any aspect of the trip, then please get in touch with me at the below email address.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Vallance

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to attend the MCS Greece Trip, 31st March – 6th April, 2017. I also enclose the deposit of £100.

Student's Full Name (as it appears on his/her passport in block capitals):

Houseroom: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____