

26th January 2010

Dear Parents

The Classics Department will once more be running its highly successful and stimulating venture to Greece, calling at many of the major Classical sites (see overleaf for details).

The trip is open to girls in Year 11 and Year 12; priority will be given initially to those girls in the Sixth Form studying Latin or Classical Civilisation at A level and then opened up through the year groups. It is required that all participants on this trip should be studying their A Level options at MTGS for the upcoming academic year.

The trip is scheduled to depart from Manchester Airport on **Friday 15th October 2010** and return on **Thursday 21st October 2010** (exact details and times of flights will be confirmed when released by the airline). There will be a coach transfer to and from the airport, starting and finishing at school.

The cost of the trip will be £755. An initial deposit of £150 is payable upon return of the consent form; the second deposit of £150 is payable by Monday 22nd March 2010, with the remainder being due by Friday 16th July 2010 (please note this day falls inside the summer holiday period and you may wish to pay before the summer term ends on 8th July). If you would prefer to pay by instalments then please contact me.

This price includes coach transfer from MTGS to Manchester Airport and all in-country transfers, insurances from the approved travel agents, taxes, accommodation, and entry to sites and food. You may wish your daughter to have a little pocket money to purchase the occasional ice-cream, soft drink or souvenir. This trip is designed to be educational and opportunities for shopping will be limited to the standard tourism gift shops encountered on a stroll through Tolon after an evening meal.

As you can see from the provisional itinerary detailed, the sites to be visited offer a rewarding opportunity for your daughter to experience first hand the sites studied for her examinations in Classical Civilisation (and an enhanced appreciation of the classical world for Latinists!) under guidance of subject specialists, as well exposing her to additional places of interest and culture.

- October 15th** Depart MTGS for flight from Manchester to Athens. Familiarisation.
- October 16th** Full day walking tour of Athens, visiting the Acropolis, the Parthenon and Erechthion, ancient Agora, Agora museum and many other sites.
- October 17th** Visit the ancient graveyard in the Cerameikos district and buildings such as the Pompeion. Transfer to Delphi.
- October 18th** Visit the beautiful Sanctuary at Delphi and museum, learning about the legend of the Oracle. Transfer to Olympia.
- October 19th** Visit the Sanctuary of Zeus, exploring the site of the original Olympic Games. Transfer to Tolon.
- October 20th** Full day excursion to Mycenae, Ancient Corinth and the great theatre at Epidauros. Overnight in Tolon.
- October 21st** A couple of hours leisure time in the morning followed by transfer back to Athens and onwards to Manchester and then MTGS.

Yours sincerely

Mr D V B Lamb
Head of Classics

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Please return this slip together with your remittance to Mr Lamb as soon as possible (cheques payable to MTGS)

**Classical Greece trip
15th October 2010 to 21st October 2010**

I agree to my daughterForm.....

joining the Classics trip to Greece and enclose the first deposit of £.....

Signature.....parent / guardian Date.....