



19th February 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian

Sports Tour to Athens, Greece – 13th July to 17th July 2018

The PE department are delighted to be able to offer our year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to travel to Athens in Greece for 5 days from 13th – 17th July 2018. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to participate in matches against international opposition, compete in elite facilities, and learn about the history of sport by visiting the home of the modern Olympics and experience Greek History and culture.

The Kings of Wessex Academy will be introducing a Sports Academy next year; this will be set up to improve the quality of sports performances and fixtures for the Lower School and the Sixth Form. It is a really exciting time for sports at the Academy and we want to promote as much participation to the students as possible. As part of this we were given the opportunity to participate in this Sports Tour for Year 9 and 10 Boys Football and Girls Netball.

Because the Sport Academy was only finalised in December 2017, the notice for this tour is shorter than it will be in future years, however, we wanted to offer this opportunity this year, accepting and apologising if this causes some inconvenience.

The trip will leave on Friday 13th July 2018 returning on Tuesday 17th July 2018. The total cost of this trip will be approximately £780. The final amount will be confirmed once numbers are secure. The cost includes:

- Return flights to Athens (Heathrow Airport with Hold Baggage and Coach Transfer)
- 5 days and 4 nights' full board accommodation in the Loutraki Sportcamp
- Use of all onsite facilities at the Loutraki Sportcamp which includes 4G pitch, 3G pitch, beach volleyball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, heated pool, sports hall and gym facility.
- Matches versus local opposition
- Athens Day Trips including visits to the Panathenaic Stadium, Acropolis and Athens Mall
- Heraion Lake Visit including lunch at Ypanema Restaurant
- Half day trip to Loutraki town and Beach

To get secure numbers of the trip if your son/daughter would like to attend please complete the expression of interest slip on the bottom of this letter and return to the main office by Friday 23rd February 2018. Please include the deposit of £275 to secure your child's place. We need to reach a minimum number of students (24) to be able to run the trip. If we do not secure sufficient places your initial deposit will be fully refunded. If the trip is oversubscribed we will allocate places by a name draw selection. Cheques should be made payable to The Kings of Wessex Academy, or alternatively, you can now pay online by logging onto the Academy website. Simply click onto the parents' link and select 'Internet Payments' from the menu. Payments must be accompanied by the parental consent form below and the attached medical form. In addition you need to be aware that full payment would be required by mid-May 2018.

As with all Academy trips students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the day and in the lead up to the trip. Failure to do this could result in students losing both their place and any payments made to date. Poor absence in the run up to an enrichment activity may result in the place being withdrawn and loss of all payments to date. This decision would be made at the discretion of the Academy. Absence following a school activity (for example: tiredness due to a late return, or sore feet following an extensive day walking) will not be authorised unless medical certification is provided. Without this evidence, students may not be allowed to

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

Yours sincerely

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

The Kings of Wessex Academy, Cheddar

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As parent/guardian of _____ Tutor Group _____ I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate. I am aware that

- a) Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- b) I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK
- c) If a medical condition is diagnosed after final payment parents may choose to withdraw their child. Equally if the Academy feel they cannot accommodate the student within the pre-existing arrangement for the trip, the Academy reserve the right to withdraw the student place.

Does your child have any medical conditions?

Yes / No

If yes, please detail below:

Signed _____

Date

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