



The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

March 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Congratulations! Your child's name was drawn and this has secured them a place on the first Kings of Wessex Academy Sports Tour to Athens in July 2018. We hope this will be a fantastic experience for all students and that this is an opportunity that can be developed further within the Academy in the future. In this letter we aim to give you all the information needed for the trip.

Itinerary

Here is the draft itinerary; this is subject to some change by the tour company:

- Friday –** 2am meet to get the coach to Heathrow Airport for 6.55am Flight
Arrive in Athens airport 12.40pm and get on coach to Loutraki Sports Camp
Check-in and remainder of the day at Sportcamp.
- Saturday -** Morning visit to Loutraki beach town, with time spent at the beach for games. Return to Sportcamp for a late lunch.
Afternoon and evening sports fixtures versus local opposition at Sportcamp.
(Time free to use all facilities at Sportcamp).
- Sunday -** Full day visit to Athens including:
- Audio tour of the Panathenaic Stadium
 - Self-guided tour of the Acropolis, UNESCO Heritage Site
 - Souvenir shopping at Monastiraki, Plaka or Athens Mall
- Monday –** Morning visit to Heraion Lake and Ypanema Restaurant. Time free to enjoy the beach, play beach games (including beach volleyball) with drinks and ice-creams available for purchase. Beachside lunch arranged at Ypanema Restaurant.
Afternoon and evening sports fixtures versus local opposition at Sportcamp.
(Time free to use all facilities at Sportcamp).
- Tuesday -** Free morning at Sportcamp to use the pool and sports facilities on-site.
Check-out after lunch and depart for Athens Mall for final opportunity to shop before your flight home.
Check in for 7.55pm flight to arrive in London Heathrow at 9.45pm
Coach from Heathrow back to School. Approx. pick up 1.45am

Flight Details:

Outbound: BA638, 13 JUL, LHR – ATH, 06:55 – 12:40 **Meet at School:** 2am

Return: BA633, 17 JUL, ATH – LHR, 19:55 – 21:45 **Pick up at School:** Approx. 1.45am

Expectations

Students will be expected to attend sport tour training sessions in the summer term in preparation for the matches. These are compulsory if the students want to attend the Tour.

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 trip and in the lead up to the trip especially in PE lessons. Failure to do this could result in students losing both their place and any payments made to date. Poor attendance 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 attend further Academy enrichment activities.

Recommended Kit List

Below I have given recommended packing list for students to bring with them. They each have a 20kg allowance and hand luggage on the flight. The weather is going to be very hot at this time of year and students are required to take everything they may need to suit these conditions. We are also hoping to provide the students with additional kit to wear on the tour for the fixtures.

1. Tour Kit
2. Water bottle x 2
3. Sun Cream (High Factor)
4. Swim Suits/Shorts
5. Towel
6. Clothes for hot weather (that cover shoulders)
7. Sun Hat
8. Sun Glasses
9. After sun
10. Travel Adapter
11. Day bag/Rucksack
12. Shoes comfortable for walking around in
13. Flip Flops
14. Any medication needed
15. Toiletries

Boys

1. Football Boots
2. Football Socks
3. Shin Pads

Girls

1. Netball Dress
2. Trainers
3. Sports Socks
4. Shorts for under dress
5. Sports Bras (Racer Back)

What you need to hand in

Passports and European Insurance Cards need to be handed in by Monday 25th June 2018. At the airport these will be held onto by staff and given back to students at the end of the trip.

Payment Schedule

Second Payment deadline of £250 is Wednesday 18th April 2018

Full Payment Deadline of £255 is Wednesday 2nd May 2018

You will be able to pay these in instalments online/cheque or you can pay the total amount remaining at any time before the final deadline. However it is imperative that we meet these deadlines as they are set out by the Tour Company.

Yours sincerely,



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