

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 12 – Trip to Athens, Greece – 14th-17th October Half Term 2023

Bullers Wood School History and Classics Department are planning a trip to Athens in Greece for our students during October half-term 2023.

We would like to invite your daughter/son to participate in this trip. Ancient Greece makes up the vast majority of what our students study in Classical Civilisation A Level, which covers Ancient Greek literature and the World of the Hero, Greek Theatre and Greek Religion. Our course includes the study of several archaeological sites in Greece and prescribed sources, which the students have to use as evidence in their exam answers. As a subject they have never studied before, the course something of a voyage of discovery for the students, which can only be helped by some direct, first-hand exposure to Ancient Greek archaeological sites and museums and modern Greek culture.

The planned trip to Athens (4 days & 3 nights) will include the following :

- Return Flights (Stansted to Athens) & Airport Transfers in Athens
- 3* Half Board Hotel Accommodation
- Guided coach tour of Athens
- Visit to the Acropolis Archaeological Site
- Guided visit to Delphi Site & Museum

The price of the trip is **£980** per student. We will be flying from London Stansted airport and students will need to be dropped off at the airport 3 hours before the flight time and collected from the airport on our return. Closer to the time we will give more details on flight times, luggage allowances and suggested spending money (they will need to buy lunches during the trip).

If your son/daughter would like to take part in this trip please pay a non-refundable deposit of £200 via School Gateway by **midnight on Monday 20th February 2023**. The trip will not go ahead if there is insufficient interest by this deadline, in which case deposit payments will be refunded.

Further instalment dates will be as follows :

- £200 instalment payable by 31st March 2023
- £200 instalment payable by 30th April 2023
- £200 instalment payable by 31st May 2023
- £180 instalment payable by 30th June 2023

Strict adherence to the above payment dates by parent/carers is essential to enable the school to meet tour operator conditions. **Failure to meet payment deadlines will compromise the place on the trip.**

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Travel requirements

Passport : A full valid passport is needed for the trip (Valid until at least 01.05.2024). A copy of this passport will be requested by the school by email 6 months prior to the trip.

Visas : If the student is not a UK or EU National parents are responsible for obtaining and paying for any visa required for travel to Greece.

Healthcare : Students are required to have a valid GHIC Card which can easily be applied for via this link <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start?sessionExpired=true>

Covid : There are currently no Covid related entry requirements to travel to Greece.

These travel requirements are obviously subject to change and parents will be updated of any changes nearer the time of the trip.

By giving consent on School Gateway you are agreeing to the following:-

1. The student will have a valid passport, a GHIC Card and will meet any Covid related entry requirements at the time of the trip.
2. Both you and the student agree to the terms set out in the Code of Conduct for Students (available on the school website [Code of Conduct](#))
3. You will advise the school of any changes to your emergency contact details prior to the trip departing.
4. You will advise the school office via office@bwsgirls.org of any changes in your daughter/son's medical condition (if any) between now and the date of the trip, or if you have any other concerns regarding their ability to participate.
5. You give permission for the student to receive any first aid or medical treatment that may be required during the trip.

This is a wonderful opportunity and we are sure that the students will benefit greatly from this experience.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Levey
Head of Sixth Form

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

All medical and emergency telephone numbers which we invite you to update every year will be generated from school records. Please ensure that any changes in the information held are provided as soon as possible to office@bwsgirls.org. **If your child requires any medication for the trip please put this in a transparent bag marked clearly with your child's name plus medication enclosed, the dosage amount and times to be taken. Please hand to a member of staff on the day of the visit.**

Please note the school reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour prior to the trip does not meet the school expectations, or whose attendance record is unacceptable. In this event Parents/Carers are advised that no refund will be made. This sum is non-refundable in the event of the absence of a student on the day. Parents/Carers are advised that this may incur cancellation charges.

Parental consent for a trip acknowledges the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child has been made aware of the contents of the Bullers Wood MAT Code of Conduct for Students on school trips, available on the school website. If a student's conduct on the trip would have led to a fixed term exclusion from school, parents are expected to collect their daughter/son from the trip destination. Parents would be liable for all associated costs relating to the collection of the student.

Payment signifies the commitment by the payer to the students' participation in the trip/activity and confirms parental consent. The cost of the visit/activity is non-refundable except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor's certificate will be required (or proof of a positive PCR test if the student has Covid). Payments are used to secure firm bookings with the companies whose services are engaged for the visit. Please ensure all payments are made on-line as described by the due date.