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Dear Parent or Guardian

A-Level visit to Athens July 2023

The Religious Studies and Classics departments are thrilled to be proposing a school tour to Athens in July 2023. The purpose of the tour is to explore the many sites of philosophical and classical interest that students will study as part of their A-Level courses. We anticipate visiting sites including the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Delphi and Aristotle's Lyceum to name but a few. We will be accompanied by local guides at each destination who will be sharing their rich knowledge with our students.

The tour is scheduled to depart on Monday 10 July 2023 and return on Friday 14 July 2023. I am not able to confirm exact times of flights currently, these will be confirmed once I know final numbers of students who wish to take part, however I expect to depart & return from Manchester Airport. To facilitate the planning and logistics of this tour, I am working with NST travel company. NST have been organising school tours since 1967 and in 2021 were awarded the 'Feefo Platinum Service Award'. Further information about the travel company can be found here:

www.nstgroup.co.uk

The price for this 5-day tour will be £820. This can be paid either as a one-off voluntary contribution or through a series of regular contributions. Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend by paying a deposit of £50 using ParentPay no later than 6th January 2023. The schedule of future contributions will then be provided in a follow-up letter. Unfortunately, the tour will be cancelled if insufficient funds are collected. Financial assistance for those claiming certain benefits is available; please contact the school Finance Office for confidential advice

Upon receipt of the initial deposit, I will then write with further information and a schedule of payment dates as provided by NST. It will be a requirement that all students have a valid passport.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: cornishh@ripongrammar.com

Yours sincerely

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