**Hadrian’s Wall**

**Year 7 Summer Trip: June 26th – 28th 2023**

September 2022

Dear Parents,

As part of our enrichment programme I am arranging a trip to Hadrian’s Wall (via York on the way up) on the above dates, available to all boys in Year 7, including those few who do not study Latin.

Hadrian’s Wall was built by the eponymous Roman emperor as a defensive line at what was the very edge of the Roman Empire, just south of the modern Scottish border. As such there are a lot of very good remains of military bases as well as civilian settlements, not to mention some excellent museums. Study will be led by the Classics staff on the trip and a couple of local guides.

Our proposed itinerary (please note that this is only provisional at this stage):

**Monday 26th June:** Depart school to travel to York by coach. Visit the Jorvik Centre and military hypocaust. Drive to Northumberland. Short walk at Walltown Crags before checking into accommodation.

**Tuesday 27th:** Walk from Walltown Quarry to Cawfields Quarry along Hadrian’s Wall. Drive to Birdoswald Fortress and then Vindolana Museum, with time to explore both. Afternoon guided tour of Vindolana Fortress and visit to Roman Army Museum. Evening talk and “training” by Maximus (re-enactor dressed as an evocatus).

**Wednesday 28th:** Walk from Steel Rigg to Housesteads along Hadrian’s Wall. Time to explore Housesteads Fortress and Museum. Visit Chesters Roman Fortress and town then Corbridge Roman Fortress, with time to explore both. Return journey to Warwick, with an estimated arrival time of 9.00pm.

As well as visiting the Wall’s various sites and museums, a lot of the pleasure of this trip will involve walking along it. Boys who wish to come with us should realise that there will be walks of a few miles at a time.

**Accommodation**

3 days and 2 nights in a local youth hostel, with whole floors, or possibly the entire hostel, booked out exclusively for Warwick School.

**Trip Cost**

The cost of the trip will be £250 to include all meals, transport, accommodation and activities, with the exception of pocket-money for extra snacks, drinks and souvenirs.

**In order to confirm your son’s place on the trip, we will require a deposit of £100 by Monday 10th October.**

The remaining balance of £250 will be split into two instalments:

* £100 added to your Lent Term bill
* £50 added to your Michaelmas Term bill after the trip

Please be advised that should you wish to cancel after paying the deposit, there may be extra cancellation charges as well as a loss of the £100.

**Signing Up**

The trip is open to any pupil currently in Year 7. Please use the online booking system on EVOLVE to sign your son up for the trip. Booking links will be sent out between 19:00 and 19:30 on Monday 3rd October.

There are 70 places available on the trip, which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Your son’s place will only be guaranteed once you have booked him onto the trip via EVOLVE and transferred a non-refundable deposit of £100.

Once you have clicked the booking link, the EVOLVE trips system will automatically confirm whether he has a place. Once the place has been confirmed, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £100 by BACS to:

Bank: Lloyds

Sort Code: 30-99-15

Account: 00734106

Ref: 3W0234 and child’s name

Once all places have been filled, you will be able to add your son to a waiting list. If substantially more than 70 people sign up, I will investigate the possibility of a second hostel but there is no guarantee one will be available as this is a very busy time of year for tourism in the area. Please do not transfer the deposit until we have confirmed that your son has a place on the trip.

I very much hope that your son will consider joining this trip, which will be an interesting and fun way to explore some Classical sites in the UK.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D. Stephenson

Head of Classics and Trip Leader