



Latin and Classics Trip to Greece 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to invite our A-level and GCSE Latin and Classics students to take part in an educational visit to Greece from Friday 13th February 2026 to Wednesday 18th February 2026 (during February half term). This will be an immensely valuable opportunity for students to explore the archaeological context for their linguistic and historical studies, and for students of Classical Civilisation to become more closely acquainted with sources and archaeological sites that they have only previously studied through photographs. We will be travelling with Europe for Schools, who we have previously used for our successful trips to Italy and Spain.

Students will visit the archaeological sites and associated museums at Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Tiryns, and the Acropolis and Agora of Athens, plus the National Archaeological Museum in Athens. Delphi, Olympia, the Athenian Acropolis, and several items in the collection of the National Archaeological Museum are prescribed sources for the Greek Religion component of the Classical Civilisation A-level, while visiting the Mycenaean sites will provide valuable insights into the world of Homer's *Odyssey*. Throughout this trip, we will be following in the footsteps of the Roman writers that we study within GCSE and A level Latin. Ovid and Virgil both visited Greece to seek inspiration for their poems. Greece was the cultural centre of the Roman world, and study at Athens, accompanied by pilgrimages to Delphi and Olympia, rounded off the education of many Roman nobles. The younger Pliny's first literary endeavour, aged 14, was a tragedy in Greek.

We will depart from school on the morning of Friday 13th February 2026 and will return on the evening of Wednesday 18th. We will stay in Athens for two nights, in Delphi for one night, in Olympia for one night, and in Tolo (which gives easy access to Mycenae) for one night. We are not able to give an exact final cost at present, because this is dependent on the number of students who come on the trip, but we expect it to be approximately £1400.

This educational visit is not a compulsory part of the school syllabus and is offered as an optional extra intended to complement the students' formal curriculum. If you would like your child to participate, please reserve a place by paying an initial deposit of **£400** via SCOPAY (www.scopay.com/beaconsfield) no later than **Sunday 9th November 2025**. The final balance will be due by **Monday 8th December 2025**.

If you feel you may be eligible for financial support please email pupilpremium@beaconsfieldhigh.school. If you are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines and wish to discuss a payment plan please contact trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school. Where Sixth Form students are entitled to 16-19 Bursary, we ask that the students make the payments out of the money received from the bursary.

As this is an international residential trip, you will need to be responsible for ensuring your child has a valid passport to visit Greece. More information can be found [here](#). If you are not travelling with a UK/EU passport, please check the Visa requirements for Greece.

Yours faithfully,

Dr A. Millington
Head of Classics