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Y9 Field Trip to Dalyan and Marmaris. Sunday October 1st to Friday 6th 5 nights, 5 days – 1300TL

Dear Parents,

In the new academic year a field trip has been planned from **Sunday 1st October to Friday 6th October** during BISI's traditional Trips Week. For Year 9, our current Year 8, the opportunity to visit **Dalyan** and **Marmaris** has been arranged. Both these coastal resort towns are in the Muğla Province of Aegean Turkey. It is, quite simply, a beautiful part of the country located approximately 600 kilometres south of Istanbul, and is a stopping-point for many of Turkey's classical ruins, beautiful forest areas and unspoilt countryside. For those with an adventurous spirit it is an ideal place to enjoy some water adventure and plenty of outdoor activity.

It is expected that all Year 9 students take part. The school will subsidise field trips, but a parental contribution of **1300TL** per student is requested to cover the additional costs. We will be using the tour company POS Turizm, the same company we have used for other secondary field and ski trips for many years and the school's travel agent of choice. I have worked with POS Turizm many times and have always been happy with their planning, safety, and good advice. A representative of POS will accompany us on the trip to ensure the smooth running of organisation and address any translation issues should they arise. You can find more information regarding this company on their website: <http://www.posturizm.com.tr>

In Dalyan, we plan to stay two nights at the two star **Yaprak Hotel** - a neat and new family run hotel with a very obliging owner. In Marmaris, the **Club Marmaris Grand Hotel** is rated five stars and is a perfect match for our all-inclusive needs. In both hotels students will be staying in quality rooms of three sharing. Each room is equipped with essential facilities. Alcohol, if any in minibars, will obviously be removed before students enter rooms. Our deals offer a superb selection of food that, I am sure, will cater for all of our dietary needs. There is much to do at both of these family-centred hotel resorts so any downtime the students have can be filled in a number of rewarding and entertaining ways. More information of these hotels and supporting photos can be found at the hotels' websites, <http://yaprak-hotel.dalyan.hotels-tr.net> and <http://www.grandyazicihotels.com/en/club-marmaris-palace-marmaris>

The teachers accompanying this field trip will be Ms Angela Perez, Mr Mark Muller and myself, Mr Russell Gunnell. The trip is intended to provide students an appreciative viewpoint of past Turkey, its culture, craftwork and traditions, alongside the opportunity for some outdoor adventure and fun. Included will be visits to the classical ruins of Kaunos, the Lycian rock tombs, traditional bazaars, İztuzu Beach, wind surfing, sailing, canoeing on the river, an all-day boat tour with scheduled swimming and diving, a visit to Aqua Dream Water Park, quad biking, and, no doubt, the obligatory trip to any nearby amphitheatre in the region. Our journey will avoid the 10 hour coach journey and includes return flight to Dalaman Airport. More exact information, timings, and our itinerary will be shared in a follow-up letter at the beginning of the new academic year.

I would be grateful if you could return the permission slip below with the **first installment of 650TL** payment **by September 8th to Ayşegül**, our Secondary school secretary, in order to secure bookings with the hotels we plan to stay at. Attached also is a **medical and disclaimer** form which needs to be signed and returned at the same time.

The second installment of **650TL** will be required **by September 22nd**. For your convenience, should you wish to make your payment in full by September the 8th, this would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any queries and require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

I will, in the new school year, be writing again to share in greater detail the itinerary, flight details, and to invite parents into school to meet myself and my team if you have not already met us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Gunnell', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mr Russell Gunnell, Y9 trip leader 2017

**MEDICAL & DISCLAIMER FORM for Y9 trip
to **Dalyan** and **Marmaris** –1st October to 6th October 2017**

STUDENT NAME: _____ Form Group: _____

Please answer all the questions below, sign and hand in to Aysegul at reception with your first installment of 650TL, or full payment of 1300TL should you prefer.

1. Does your son/daughter suffer from any of the following? (Please circle)

Allergies (penicillin, dairy/wheat products, nuts, stings) Yes No

Asthma Yes No

Bronchitis Yes No

Sinusitis Yes No

Hay Fever Yes No

Other: _____

2. Does your son/daughter take any form of medication? Yes No

Medication name: _____

Dosage: _____

3. Can your son /daughter swim? Yes No

4. Do you give permission for your son /daughter to take part in teacher supervised swimming and water sports? Yes No

5. Does your son/daughter have any special dietary requirements? (If yes, please explain.)

6. Please indicate any other information that staff should know to ensure well-being and the best interest of your child.

For example, claustrophobia, panic attacks, or travel sickness...

7. Do you give permission for the staff to administer any 'over the counter' medication, if necessary? For example, paracetamol for headaches or antihistamine for allergies.

Yes No

8. Has your son/daughter had a recent tetanus shot? Yes No

9. If needed, do you give permission for staff to seek the necessary medical attention for your son/daughter should the case arise. Yes No

10. Please provide health insurance name, appropriate policy number, and telephone number.

11. Please provide student phone number if applicable.

Please read the following paragraph before signing:

I hereby sign giving permission for my child _____ to attend the Y9 Field Trip to Dalyan and Marmaris on October 1st to October 6th, 2017. All information provided is correct and I will inform the teacher in charge should there be any changes. I understand and accept that the British International School Istanbul will accept no liability for loss or injury during the field trip. I can also confirm, and have provided detail of, my child's appropriate health insurance to cover any emergency treatment should such treatment be required.

Parent /Guardian's name: _____

Contact telephone number/s: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____