

29 June 2016

Y10 Field Trip to Gökçeada
Monday 3 October - Friday 7 October 2016
4 nights and 5 days - 450TL

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce the Year 10 Field Trip to Gökçeada from Monday 3rd October - Friday 7th October.

Gökçeada was once a mainly Greek island known as Imbros, or İmroz. During WWI it was an important base for the Gallipoli campaign; Allied commander General Ian Hamilton stationed himself at the village of Aydınçık (then Kefalos) on the island's south eastern coast.

These days, there are approximately 250 Greek residents, most of whom are elderly. The island's inhabitants earn their living through fishing, sheep and cattle-rearing, farming and tourism. There are three small-scale wine producers and a larger olive oil industry that uses fruit from Ladolia trees claimed to be unique to the island. (from the Lonely Planet web-pages on Gökçeada)

This field-trip is for Year 10 and we expect all students to take part. The school subsidises these expeditions, but we request a parental contribution of **450TL** per student to cover costs. We will be using the tour company, POS Turizm, a company that has organised many successful field and ski trips for the secondary school. Their website can be found at www.posturizm.com.tr. Students will stay in bungalows at the resort we have chosen, the Zeus Bungalow Hotel, www.zeusotel.com. It goes without saying that no alcohol will be available at any time.

The object of the trip is to create work on the theme of travel and migration. We will spend the mornings making music, writing, drawing and photographing, creating an artistic response to the idea of being away from home. In the afternoon, we will take lunch in a local restaurant and visit sites of natural beauty or historical interest. In the evening we will return for dinner and free time, as well as improvising on the theme of travel, using theatre sport techniques.

We do not intend for there to be much 'down time', for students will be occupied in creative activities, discussions, writing and reflections, walking and working for most of each day, and they will be expected to participate fully in all activities, commensurate with their age and maturity. In line with this, mobile phones and electronic devices, if brought, will be collected by staff and kept locked up and out of use. Games and books and paper will be available. There will be about 45 mins of phone use after dinner each evening.

The teachers who are accompanying the trip have special interests in travel, history and the creative arts: Dr Sargent, Mrs Mayer, Mr Stroud, and the new PE teacher Ms Powell.

Please return the permission slip below, with a payment of **450TL by Friday 2 September 2016**, 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. Please fill this out and return it at the same time.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Dominic Sargent
Head of Creative Arts
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BIS Istanbul

MEDICAL & DISCLAIMER FORM for Y10 trip
Gökçeada 3 - 7 October 2016

STUDENT NAME: _____

Please complete the foem, sign and hand in to Ayşegül at reception with 450TL.

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

Allergies (penicillin, dairy/wheat products, nuts, stings)

Asthma **Yes No**

Bronchitis **Yes No**

Sinusitis **Yes No**

Hay Fever **Yes No**

Other: _____

2. Does your son/daughter take any form of medication?

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? **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, 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 and then sign below:

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to attend the **Y10 Field Trip to Gökçeada** from **3 - 7 October 2016**. All the information I have provided is correct, and I will inform the teacher in charge of any changes. I understand and accept that the British International School Istanbul can and will accept no liability for loss or injury during the Field Trip. I 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: _____
(DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and hand to Ayşegül at Secondary Reception, with 450TL, before 2 September 2016.