

RH/HB - September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Y13 History Visit – Hampton Court Palace, Westminster, Public Records Office & Tudor London – December 2019**

The History Department is proposing to take Year 13 students on a two night (three day) visit to London from 08/12/19 to 10/12/19. Students will have the opportunity to visit important historical sites associated with the Tudor period studied as part of their A Level course. A final itinerary is yet to be confirmed but to give you an idea we plan on visiting:

- **Hampton Court Palace** - the only surviving Tudor Palace in England. We have booked an education workshop and students will have some free time to explore the famous palace and gardens.
- **Westminster Abbey** – steeped in more than 1000 years of history. The Abbey has been the coronation church since 1066 and is the final resting place of seventeen monarchs. Our behind the scenes tour and education workshop allows students to see the tombs of the kings and queens they study!
- **The Houses of Parliament** – although the current building was built during the reign on Queen Victoria, the oldest part of the 'Palace of Westminster' is Westminster Hall which dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century and was used by the monarchy for over 900 years.
- **The Tower of London** – used by monarchs since William the Conqueror in 1078. Students will have time to explore the Tower and study its place in Tudor history.
- **The National Archives** – student will have the opportunity to look at, touch and read Tudor documents more than 500 years old. The documents include those written by Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and many more.
- **The award winning musical SIX** – The musical is a modern retelling of the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII presented as a pop concert, as the wives take turns singing and telling their story to see who had the worst time with Henry and will become the group's lead singer.
- **The Imperial War Museum** – houses the award winning exhibition on the Nazi persecution and murder of Europe's Jews from 1933 to 1945. This visit supports the Nazi Germany side of the course.
- **The London Eye** – an opportunity to look over London and the landscape used by the Tudor kings and queens.

In addition, we will take the students to see the sights including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, 10 Downing Street and much more before returning home! This promises to be an exciting visit and a fantastic opportunity for all involved. **The cost of the visit is £235.00** which includes travel to and around London, accommodation, two evening meals/ breakfasts and admission to museums/ historical attractions. I would recommend that your child has some spending money to purchase lunch and enough to purchase souvenirs if desired. If you are willing to allow your son/daughter to attend this exciting visit to London, please complete the slip attached and return it to the **Finance Office by Friday, 13 September 2019. At this stage we are requesting a first instalment of £85.00 to secure your child's place.** Cash should be in an envelope with the student's name, tutor group and Y13 History Visit written on the envelope. There will also be the opportunity to pay online. If you wish to pay online, you will need to give permission for your child to go on this visit by ticking the consent box **before** entering the amount to wish to pay.

Once final numbers have been confirmed I will write to you again with full details including accommodation, addresses and finalised timings. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Mr R Harrison**  
**Head of Lower School**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the above visit.

I enclose a cash payment of £85.00 \* , or will pay online\*  (\* please tick as appropriate).

Signed (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Finance Office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**