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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 13 History, Hampton Court Palace Trip**

I would like to offer your child the opportunity to visit Hampton Court Palace. The date of this trip is on **Wednesday 13 November**. We shall be meeting at the Main Reception at **07.30** and we hope to arrive back at school by **16.30**.

Students will be travelling by coach to **Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Ct Way, Molesey, East Molesey KT8 9AU**. Upon arrival students will engage in a 90-minute lecture, aimed to compliment the AQA A Level Tudor Unit. This will be led by an expert resident historian at Hampton Court. In this session students will evaluate the stability of the monarchy and the extent of the religious turbulence under King Edward VI, Queen Mary I and Queen Elizabeth I.

Later, students will be able to explore the palace buildings themselves, alongside contemporary sources. Students will analyse elements of the Mid-Tudor Crisis through the uses of this key location during many significant challenges and victories for Tudor monarchs. Students will also have the opportunity to learn more about the Palace during the reign of Henry VIII.

There may be times during the trip when students are given free time. They should not go off on their own and remain in small groups at all times. Staff will issue a contact number should any student become separated. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them. They may also choose to bring money with them to buy snacks or souvenirs in the gift shop.

As the trip will take place during the school day, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £43 to cover the expense of providing the off-site activity. It is not compulsory for students to take part in the visit but the experience will enhance their learning opportunities and provide examples to better understand the work being covered during lessons. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled.

If you are interested in your child participating, please fill in the attached consent form with full medical information and photo consent. Please return the consent form to the finance office by Monday 7 October.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01277 238300 or [afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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**Trip Leader**



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