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Dear Parent / Carer

The History Department would like to take the Year 13 A Level History group to **Hampton Court Palace on Wednesday 25th September**. The trip is not a compulsory part of the History A-level but the purpose is to enhance their knowledge of the Tudor period which they are currently studying as part of their Tudor Foreign Policy module.

Students will have a unique opportunity to visit a Tudor palace which featured heavily in the diplomacy of the period and undertake an education seminar led by a palace expert. 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. Exploring the palace buildings themselves, alongside contemporary sources, students will analyse elements of the Mid-Tudor Crisis through the use of this key location during many significant challenges and victories for Tudor monarchs.

On the day of the trip students will need to arrive at school at the usual time for a swift departure at **9.00am** and we will be returning around **2.45 pm** from where students will need to make arrangements for their onward journey home.

The voluntary contribution that we are asking students to make is **£17** that covers the students' transport to the Hampton Court Palace, entry and activities. We would like the trip to be accessible for all students, regardless of need. If you would like your child to go but are struggling financially to cover the cost of the train travel, please email me at: sbullock@gms.bucks.sch.uk. No student will be treated differently based on parent / carer willingness or ability to pay. However, the trip may not be able to go ahead unless a sufficient number of students are able to make a voluntary contribution.

Students should dress in appropriate non-uniform taking into account that they will be on their feet for most of the day and exploring the palace and its grounds. Some of the day will be spent outside and therefore they should dress appropriately for the weather on the day. We also ask students not to bring valuables with them; if they do, their belongings remain their responsibility. It is essential that students bring a packed lunch due to the time constraints of the day. Hampton Court Palace is a cashless site and should there be an opportunity to visit the museum's gift shop or get any additional refreshments then the students will need to take this into consideration.

As always, the highest standards of conduct are expected from the students, as they will be representing the school at all times and sanctions will apply if these expectations are not met. Students are also expected to catch-up on any work missed.

Please can we ask parents / carers to make any payment and complete the MS Consent Form through WisePay by Monday 15th July. No student can attend the trip without a completed MS Consent Form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any queries. I will write to you nearer the time to confirm final arrangements for the day.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Bullock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs S Bullock
History Department