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Dear Parent /Carer

The History Department would like to invite all Year 13 History students to visit the *Holbein at the Tudor Court* exhibition at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace.

The trip is not a compulsory part of the History A-level, but the purpose of this trip is to give students the opportunity to visualise the court of Henry VIII and immerse themselves in the collection of remarkable works from royals to merchants. At A-level it is important to investigate different interpretations and this temporary exhibition offers an insight into some of the most important and famous people of the sixteenth century. The trip will take place on Thursday 28th March. We plan to leave school at 9.40 am and walk to Marlow train station then travel by the Elizabeth Line into central London, walking past some significant landmarks to Buckingham Palace. The History Department are paying for the students' entry to the gallery. We are therefore asking students to voluntarily purchase their own off-peak train travel (travelcard at approximately £25.20 return) to London. We would like the trip to be accessible for all students, regardless of need, so if you would like your child to go but are struggling financially to cover the cost of the train travel, please email me on: 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 purchase their own train travel.

Students will be expected to stay with staff members at all times on the train and traveling to and from the gallery. They will not be allowed to visit anywhere other than the gallery during this time. **However, if the students have parental permission via the MS Consent Form, they may make their own way home from Buckingham Palace from 2.30pm.** The remaining students will travel back with staff to Marlow in the afternoon and we aim to return between 4pm and 5pm.

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.

Please can we ask parents / carers to complete the MS Consent Form through WisePay **by Monday 26th February**. 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

Mrs S Bullock
History Department