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Dear Parents

YEAR 7 VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF LONDON TUDOR STUDY DAY MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2010

I am pleased to inform you that the whole of Year 7 will be taking part in the Tudor Study Day organised by the Museum of London's Education Team.

The day will involve time in the newly refurbished Tudor gallery, a session of "object handling" where the children will come face to face with real Tudor period artefacts from the Museum's collection and finally an encounter with a costumed interpreter playing the role of Henry VIII. This last session should prove both interesting and entertaining as "Henry VIII" will be talking about "the Great Matter" of divorce from Catherine of Aragon. The children will have the opportunity to question "His Majesty". This is a rare opportunity as those that questioned Tudor royal authority were frequently hanged in chains for their trouble. I shall of course reflect the inherent dangers in the risk assessment for this visit.

Monday, 22nd February is the first day back at school after the half term holiday. Everyone needs to be at school in uniform and wearing blazers by 8.00am sharp. Can I ask that all children make their way to the History room upon arrival? A small rucksack or bag would be very useful as somewhere to place the packed lunch and/or a coat/waterproof because if we have time before leaving for home we may go on walkabout in this ancient part of the City of London.

The Museum has a very good gift shop. It offers the usual pencils, rulers and rubbers as mementos but also some very good books and other historical bits and pieces. We hope to give the children some time to browse and make a purchase should they wish to do so. May I please suggest that if you wish to allow your child a retail opportunity that we "cap" spending money to a maximum of £10 per child?

We hope to be back in school by 5.30pm.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Hargreaves, Head of History



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