

6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## RE: Historic Royal Palaces - Hampton Court Palace Visit

We are delighted to share the news that The Priory Pembroke Academy has been successful in applying for and winning a heavily subsidised trip to Hampton Court in Surrey on *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023*. Entry to the palace will be entirely paid for by Historic Royal Palaces, and they are also partly funding workshop and transportation costs to allow us to provide this opportunity to Pembroke students.

We would like to invite your child to attend this trip to enhance their understanding of our Year 8 History Curriculum. This will allow your child to develop their understanding of the Tudors and the early development of the British Empire, with a focus on Tudor global influence, politics and the political power dynamics in Europe during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The trip includes a one hour workshop led by specialist staff and the chance to explore Hampton Court, which was once the home of King Henry VIII.

You can find out more information about Hampton Court on their website: <u>Hampton Court Palace | Historic Royal Palaces (hrp.org.uk)</u>

Due to the length of the journey from Priory Pembroke to Hampton Court, we will be leaving the school at 7am and returning by 7pm. Students must attend in full school uniform. A packed lunch is required. Any student in receipt of free school meals will have a lunch provided.

This is an exciting opportunity to visit a site of significant historic value at a heavily discounted price. In the light of Government directives, to cover costs, parents/carers are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £19.33 per student, this being the average cost per student in order to make the trip economically viable. This price includes: transport, entry and workshop fees. There is no obligation to contribute, but equally the visit can only go ahead if there is an adequate level of support. Obviously, should contributions not be sufficient to make the visit economically viable, the Academy reserves the right to cancel the visit. Although all students are invited to take part, please note that the Headteacher reserves the right to make the final decision as to whether any student should or should not be involved.

Closing date for payment via parentpay will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Kind regards

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