



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 7 History Trip to Hever Castle

I have organised two trips for 90 students (45 on each day) in Year 7 to visit Hever Castle. These trips will take place on Wednesday 13th May (Block 1 students) and Friday 15th May (Block 2 students). We shall be leaving at **9am and returning by 3pm**. The visit will consist of two separate sessions: a guided tour of Hever Castle and a workshop looking at life in late Medieval/Tudor England which will include finding out about Tudor life, how it varied between the rich and the poor, playing with Tudor toys, trying on some Tudor hats and perhaps attempting some tapestry weaving! Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the day.

Year 7 students have studied the Norman Conquest this year and this visit will enhance their understanding of castles and how they were developed and used during the reign of the Tudors. As we are only able to take a limited number of students I am only asking for expressions of interest at this stage. If your child would like to have a chance of attending this trip then please return the attached reply slip by **Friday 6th February** to Mrs Barton in the History Office.

All names received by this date will be placed in a hat and names will be drawn out at random. Parents/carers will then be informed if their child has gained a place by the end of the following school week (**week ending 13th February**).

Those who gain a place on this trip are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £24 which will cover the cost of the visit including transport and other incidental costs. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents/carers, who are able to, are willing to contribute.

If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium grant, then we can use this funding to cover the cost of this trip.

If your child is successful then payment would be made through the Hazelwick School Internet Payments system, WisePay, via the school website.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Z Barton

History Teacher

## **Hever Castle expressions of interest letter**

To be returned to MRS BARTON in the HISTORY OFFICE  
**BY FRIDAY 6th February**

I would like to have my child's name included in the "names out of a hat" draw for a place on the Year 7 Hever Castle trip. I understand that I will be notified by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** if my child has secured a place.

STUDENT'S NAME: .....

FORM: (please circle as appropriate)

Block 1 **7DMA 7EWI 7STU 7IHO 7FTH 7TBR**

Block 2 **7HKE 7PWE 7MST 7MOW 7KRO**

SIGNED: .....

DATE: .....