



23rd January 2025

Dear parents / carers,

The History department has been given an incredible opportunity to visit the Tower of London, allowing our historians to visit a place of such importance in the history of our country. The magnitude of the events that happened at the Tower of London is astounding; The mystery of The Princes in the Tower, Traitors Gate, where the condemned sailed up to the Tower before their execution, especially that of Anne Boleyn, Lady Jane Grey and other important people, the last Nazi to be executed and a prison to Elizabeth I. As well as this, the Tower is home to the Crown Jewels of King Charles III and amazing artefacts ranging from clothing and personal items of Henry VIII including his suit of armour as well as King Charles I's suit of armour too and the world-famous yeomanry soldiers and of course the Ravens!

All of that aside, we have been lucky enough to get 2 experts to talk to the students for a session during the visit about Queen Elizabeth I, in relation to our GCSE History exam course on Elizabeth. This will really aid the student's experience and context for their exam unit on Elizabeth. Of course, exam success isn't determined by this trip. As well as the session with the experts, the students will be able to explore the Tower in small groups and create their own little journey through the history of the Tower of London.

I have been successful in applying for a grant to take all 105 of our Yr10 historians to the Tower of London in May; this grant will offset a huge amount of the cost of this trip, we just have to make up a small amount. Therefore we would ask for a contribution of **£17** payable on Bromcom. This should be set up for you by the time you're reading this letter.

I will be in touch nearer the time with further details for the actual day, but the basics are as follows:

- Date: Thursday 15th May 2025 (a normal school day)
- Leaving school early to ensure we arrive on time (around 6ish I'd think TBC)
- Arriving home at around 6pm (depending on London Traffic)
- Students will need a packed lunch (but should also endeavour to pack lightly, there may not be anywhere to leave their bags, so a backpack would be advisable.

Thank you for your continued support as always, I am sure this will be a brilliant day out both academically but also for the brilliance of the Tower of London. There is a TV series on Channel 5 and catchup if you'd like to prepare by getting some context

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me a.modica@stclementshigh.org.uk or finance@stclementshigh.org.uk for anything related to payments.

Best wishes


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