

## Y6 History: Trip to Kentwell Hall, Suffolk

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents

As I am sure you are aware, boys in Y6 are studying the Tudor era this term. To familiarise the boys with this period of History, the whole year group will be enjoying a day immersed in the life of a working Tudor manor.

Kentwell Hall is widely recognised as one of the country's leading educational sites for exploring Tudor life – enabling the visitor to travel back in time to a 16<sup>th</sup>C manor on its original site. Each year over 250 Tudor reenactors convene for a week in September to transform the site into a living museum for visiting school groups. From a travelling beggar to the lord of the manor, the boys will come into contact with a range of people who will provide a unique insight into Tudor life. In their tutor groups, the boys will take a journey through the estate. Amongst other things, they will have the chance to assist in daily chores, participate in workshops, watch Tudor entertainment, and buy items from the peddlers. It promises to be an excellent learning experience. You can find further information by visiting the website: [www.kentwell.co.uk](http://www.kentwell.co.uk)

**As part of the experience, Kentwell Hall expects all visitors to be in Tudor costume.** This allows the boys to feel less like visitors and more like members of the manor community. The accompanying linked pages include information on 16<sup>th</sup>C boys' clothing. I am aware (having to also source my own costume!) that this may seem onerous. However, I totally agree with Kentwell Hall's philosophy on this matter.

The boys may wish to bring some money (£10 maximum) to spend during the day. Their sterling will be exchanged for Tudor coins and any left over at the end of the day will be exchanged back into sterling. This enables them to buy items from the various tradesmen and food stalls around the estate.

The school will provide packed lunches for the boys but as we will be eating lunch at the end of our visit to Kentwell Hall, each boy will need to bring a snack to eat before the tour starts. We would be grateful if you could please complete the [form](#) as soon as possible so that your son can join the trip.

#### Checklist:

##### Boys **MUST**:

- wear Tudor costume for the whole day
- bring a snack
- bring an inhaler and/or epipen, if needed

##### Boys **CAN** bring (these remain their responsibility)

- a small amount of cash
- an electronic game for the coach journey

#### Timings - **NB: timings fall outside the usual school routine**

- Leave BPS at 8.10am to arrive at Kentwell Hall 10am
- Leave Kentwell Hall approx. 2.30pm to arrive BPS at 4.30pm

Yours sincerely

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