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Dear Parent/Carer

Trip to The British Museum, London – Thursday 14 March 2024

You will have seen on the school calendar that I propose to take the Classics groups from Years 10, 11 and 12 to The British Museum, London in March 2024.

I can confirm that the date of the visit will be **Thursday 14 March 2024** and we will be using a local coach company called AW Eastons Coaches to travel to London. We will be departing from Taverham High School at 7:15 am and returning to school by 6:00 pm, so parent/carers will need to make the necessary travel arrangements to and from school. We should arrive in London by mid-morning and we will make our way from the drop-off point near to the British Museum in Russell Square by foot; we will not be using public transport in London.

The cost of the visit will be £36 which is payable via WisePay. The costing is based on most students being able to take part so that we can cover the costs of the coach. I will be asking for payment by the end of January 2024 and I regret that payment would be non-refundable once the coach seat is booked. If your child/ward is eligible for Pupil Premium funding to subsidise this trip by 50%, please contact the school Finance office by emailing: finance@taverhamhigh.org

The visit will give Classics students the opportunity to look at the Greek and Roman artefacts relating to the Roman Daily Life topic on the GCSE exam paper, as well as the Elgin Marbles and other sculptures and vases which are relevant to the Myth and Religion paper. Students will spend some of their time with members of staff and they will also get free time in the galleries and cafeteria and will not be permitted to leave the museum unescorted. They will be expected to stay in small groups and will be given a clipboard and work to complete whilst there and will be expected to catch up on any work that they may miss in other lessons. I think the trip will be very beneficial in helping students to put some of what they have learnt so far into a wider Classical context, as well as giving students the opportunity to look at other world collections within the museum, not least the Roman Britain (Sutton Hoo) finds.

The trip is also open to Year 12 Fine Art and Photography students too as this is an excellent opportunity for them to record the artefacts and the impressive architecture, including Norman Foster's Great Court. The A-level students will have guidance to help them explore the Greek Theatre and Greek Religion topics. This experience will support the students' Assessment Objectives in recording and idea development and students will be expected to bring a camera and/or a small sketch book with drawing materials.

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Students are required to wear school uniform and should bring a coat in case of bad weather as mentioned previously, we will be walking to and from the Museum from the drop-off point. They will also need to bring a pen and pencil with them as well as a packed lunch and drinks to cover them throughout the long day. If your child/ward is in receipt of free school meals, please email me on: S_Barker@taverhamhigh.org so that a lunch can be supplied by the school.

We will also stop at service stations and there is a cafeteria and gift shop at the museum too, so students may want to bring a small amount of money with them. Mobile phones are permitted although flash photography is not allowed in the galleries.

Using the following link, please complete the permission form by Friday 2 February 2024:

[Permission Slip - British Museum Trip](#)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me on.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Barker', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Barker
Teacher of Classics