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Dear Parents,

History and English Departments' Visit to Canterbury

The History and English Departments have organised jointly a visit to Canterbury to take place on Thursday 10th June 2010. This will be open to Years 7 and 12. The trip will include visits to Canterbury Cathedral and to the Canterbury Tales Chaucer Experience. We would recommend strongly that your daughter take advantage of what will be a very beneficial educational experience. For Year 7 students this will be the culmination of a series of lessons in History and English. They will have been taught in History about the importance of the Church in the Middle Ages, and will be given guidance in how to "read" a church as a historical source. The Cathedral itself is a unique historical artefact and the centre of Christian worship for centuries – a guided visit will help to bring this aspect of education to life in a way that textbooks alone cannot achieve. In English, Year 7 students will be given preparation in the language of Chaucer, and lessons that place the Canterbury Tales in context. Their visit will give them a taste of the different tales, their tellers and the origins of the modern English language. For year 12 students too, this immersion in the language and culture of the Middle Ages will be a helpful adjunct to their A level studies - anyone thinking of reading English at University will have to study Chaucer, and it is an option to study one of the Tales at A2; A level History study of the Tudor period is inconceivable without detailed awareness of the religious background and its associated controversies.

Students will leave from school at 7.45am and will return by about 3.30pm in time to catch their normal buses and trains home. A packed lunch should be provided. Students will travel by modern coaches equipped with seat belts, which they must wear. They will be supervised whilst on the coaches and in Canterbury itself.

As with all trips and visits, participation is dependent on acceptance of the School's Code of Conduct and receipt of the signed agreement.

The total cost of the visit, including transport and entry costs to the attractions, is £22. This is a voluntary contribution; however, if we are unable to cover the costs of the visit, it may not take place.

If you wish your daughter to attend, the school's preferred method of payment is via Parent Pay. If you are unable to use Parent Pay, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the Finance Office, together with a cheque made payable to CCHS and the signed Code of Conduct agreement.

The deadline for payment via either method is Friday 30th April. A decision on the financial viability of the trip will be taken on Tuesday 4th May 2010. Should you wish your daughter to participate, but are concerned about meeting the full cost, please return the slip and attach a letter addressed to Mrs Chapman, Headteacher, who will consider your request.

We do hope you will want your daughter to be involved in this exciting experience. If you decide that you do not wish your daughter to take part in this visit, she will need to attend school as usual, and a programme of activities will be organised for her.

Yours sincerely,

Dr H Graham
Head of History

Mr D Patrick
Head of English



**To: The Finance Office, Chelmsford County High School for Girls
 Year 7 Cross-curricular visit to Canterbury - Thursday 10th June 2010
 PLEASE RETURN BY Friday 30th April 2010**

I have read and understand the details of the visit and accept the arrangements for travel and supervision detailed above.

* Please delete as appropriate

- My daughter will be taking part and I enclose a voluntary contribution of £22 *
- I have paid via Parent Pay

- My daughter will not be taking part. *

Signature: Date:
 Parent/Guardian

Name of Pupil: Tutor Group: 7.....

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**Hist/Eng: Canterbury -
 10th June 2010**

Name:

Form: 7

Date:

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