

June 2016

Re: Guided tour of historic St Albans, Thursday 14th July 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the paper 3 element of the History A level (Lancastrians, Tudors and Henry VII 1399-1509) we would like the students to participate in a guided tour of St Albans town centre. The aim being to gain a 'sense of period' and take advantage of the local links to this particular topic.

The 'St Albans Tour Guides' have created a bespoke tour for our students. Some of the topics that would be covered are: the medieval market, the role of the abbey, medieval fairs, the clock house and the first and second battles of St Albans. I believe that this would be a particularly excellent opportunity for the students to gain a more concrete understanding of the era and its complexity from the point of view of their home town, which played a pivotal role in this particular period. This would then support the students in gaining a deeper empathy for the actions of the people from this era during their detailed study of 1399-1409 in year 13.

The tour will last 90 minutes so students will be expected to make their own way to the town centre and meet at the Old Town Hall on St Peter's Street ready for the tour to start at 9.15am prompt. After the tour is finished, students will be expected to make their own way back to school, in a timely fashion, to continue with the day's lessons. Students should also dress appropriately for the weather as the tour will be outside, such as an umbrella should there be rain and sunscreen and a sunhat for brighter conditions. In the case of absence, students should notify the school in the usual manner. Those not attending the trip will still be required to come into school and attend their timetabled lessons.

Unfortunately, we are unable to meet these costs from our own funds, and the activities will only be able to go ahead if parents are prepared to make a voluntary contribution of £2.00 to school funds. It is entirely up to you whether you wish to contribute. However, if all parents are not prepared to make this contribution then the activities may not be able to take place for any of the students.

I should be grateful if you would complete the reply slip and return it to me as soon as possible, cheques to be made payable to Beaumont School. You can send your money or cheque in a sealed envelope with your son/daughter's name, form and title of the trip clearly written on it. This should be posted in the box marked 'Guided tour of St Albans' outside the Finance Office **by Monday 27th June**. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet using our online payment system (NB: You must still return the consent slip to school by the deadline).

Yours sincerely

J. Pearson
History Department

Return to: Box marked 'Guided tour of St Albans' outside the Finance Office by **Monday 27th June**.

Pupil's Name Form

I do/do not* wish my son/daughter to participate in the guided tour of historic St Albans on the 14/07/2016.

I am/am not* prepared to make the contribution requested and enclose £2.00 (**Please delete as applicable*)

I have made payment online **(NB: You must also return this slip to school)**

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.

B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are

for this visit only permanent.

Signed Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date