



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

10th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 History GCSE Trip to Hampton Court Palace and Six: The Musical — Thursday 7th May 2026

The History department has organised a trip for Year 10 History pupils to Hampton Court Palace and Six the Musical on Thursday 7th May 2026. The trip will enrich pupils' understanding of the Henry VIII and his Ministers module of their GCSE course.

What will pupils learn about?

Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court Palace was one of King Henry VIII's main homes and shows how Tudor kings lived. The Great Hall, kitchens, and gardens help pupils understand daily life in the 1500s and how monarchs showed their power and wealth. The palace also includes later buildings from different periods, showing how England changed over time. Pupils will have the opportunity to explore the palace in supervised small groups.

Hampton Court Palace Workshop: Henry VIII

Doctrine or dynasty? In this taught session at Hampton Court Palace, pupils will explore the actions of King Henry VIII and his ministers as they reshaped the religious map of England, assessing the repercussions of those decisions for Henry's queens, his court and beyond.

Six: The Musical

Six: The Musical retells the lives of Henry VIII's six wives as a modern pop-style concert where each queen takes turns telling her story. Through their songs, the musical highlights key events of Henry's reign such as the break with the Catholic Church and his marriages. The musical is recommended for ages 10+ but does include some mature themes – you can check the parental guidance on the Six: The Musical website if you would like to know more.

Details of the visit are as follows:

Departure: Meet at 9am at East Croydon station (just inside the main entrance).

Travel: Pupils will take the train and walk between venues.

Lunch: Pupils should bring a packed lunch with them. Packed lunches from the school canteen are available for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals – please contact me via email if you would like this to be provided for your child.

Clothing: Pupils may wear their own sensible and practical clothes. There will be a lot of walking on the day so pupils must wear suitable, closed footwear (not sliders or crocs).

Itinerary: The morning and early afternoon will be spent at Hampton Court Palace. We will then travel into central London for the matinee performance of Six: The Musical at 4pm.

Dismissal: We will return to East Croydon at approximately 6:30pm when pupils will be dismissed.

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Headteacher: Richard Parrish MA (Oxon)

Cost: The price of the trip is £40 per pupil which covers the admission fee and workshop at Hampton Court Palace, a ticket for Six: The Musical and all travel between venues. Please make payment via the MCAS app - there are 30 spaces on the trip and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you require any further information, please email me at phill@archten.croydon.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Philips

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