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Dear Parent/Guardian

An important element of your son/daughters GCSE history studies is the historical environment question which features on Paper 2 of the GCSE examination. For students who will sit their GCSE History in Summer 2018 the historical site in question is the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London and it is highly recommended that all GCSE History students undertake this visit to enhance their understanding of the site and its development.

For this reason we are organising a trip to the Royal Observatory which will take place on (**Friday 21 April/Monday 24 April/Wednesday 26th April 2017.**) Students will travel by coach to London and will have a tour of the site to support their learning.

Students will depart from Vandyke Upper School on the above date at **9.00am** and should be able to return in time for the usual end of the school day at **3.30pm**. **Please be aware that if traffic causes a delay then students might miss the bus home and other arrangements will have to be made for them to travel home.** Students do not need to wear school uniform on this date however it is important that they are appropriately attired for visiting a historical site. Sensible footwear and a waterproof jacket are recommended! The cost of the trip does not include lunch so students will need to bring either a packed lunch or money to purchase food from the café on site.

The cost of this trip is **£20.00**. Please complete the below permission slip and return with either cash payment or cheques payable to **'Vandyke School Fund'** by **Wednesday 19th April 2017** at the latest. Please place all relevant information in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'Royal Observatory Visit' on the front.

For anyone who would like to take part in this visit and is experiencing some financial difficulties there is a bursary that can be applied for through the school. If you have any queries regarding the bursary, or any other questions about the visit to the Royal Observatory or the History GCSE itself please do not hesitate to contact me on the below email or on the school number.

Yours sincerely,



Kerry Quinn (quinnk@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk)

Team Leader of History

FAO Mrs Quinn – Re. Royal Observatory Visit (FRIDAY 21 APRIL/MONDAY 24 APRIL/WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017)

Student's name: **Tutor Group:**.....

I consent to my son / daughter's taking part in the visit to the Royal Observatory and enclose £20.00 (cash/cheque).

Signed: **(Parent/Carer) Date:**

