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Dear Parent,

Sixth Form History trip to Istanbul, March 2013

The History Faculty is planning to run a trip to Istanbul in Easter 2013. This will be open to any Sixth Form History, Classics and Religious Studies pupils. It is especially relevant to those studying AS History, as it links closely with the content of the course on the First Crusade. Nevertheless, pupils studying the Pre-U course will find much of historical interest in this ancient city and are extremely welcome. There will also be plenty of relevance and interest to pupils studying AS Classical Civilisation and/or Religious Studies.

The itinerary of the trip is designed to give pupils an idea of the cultural, political and religious significance of this city over the centuries (with a particular emphasis on the 11th and 12th Centuries), as well as giving them an insight into the architectural marvels that so inspired and stunned the Crusaders on their arrival in the city in 1096. As well as a tour of the major sights in the centre such as the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the city walls and the Grand Bazaar, we will be taking an afternoon's cruise of the Bosphorus by boat to see some of the more remote sites and to see the city from a fresh angle. We will also be taking a day trip to Iznik (the ancient city of Nicaea), the site of the Crusaders' first siege, which should give the pupils an excellent idea of the challenges that faced them. It is also the site of the agreement of the Nicene Creed, of huge religious significance to the Christian faith.

The trip will run over five days and four nights. We will leave from School on the first day of the holidays, Saturday 23rd March, and return on Wednesday 27th March. We will fly direct to Istanbul from Heathrow, with coach travel between Shrewsbury and the airport.

The cost of the trip is £675. This cost includes hotel accommodation, travel costs, tourist attractions and breakfast and dinner. A little spending money will be needed to cover the cost of lunch for five days. If your son/daughter would like to come on this trip, please reply to this letter with a cheque for £200 (payable to Shrewsbury School) by Monday 15th October, addressed to me at Shrewsbury School. A final deposit of £475 will be required by Monday 7th January 2013.

If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Haworth