

July 2026

Year 11 Golden Hinden History Trip – October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of your child’s GCSE History course, the History Department is organising an educational visit to **The Golden Hinde** and London’s South Bank. Your child will attend on one of the dates listed below, with their allocated date shown on ParentPay.

The visit supports the AQA GCSE History Paper 2 topic, **Elizabethan England (c.1568–1603)**, including the required historic environment study, which forms a significant part of the final examination. By exploring a full-scale replica of Sir Francis Drake’s ship, pupils will gain a deeper understanding of the period and strengthen their exam knowledge.

During the visit, pupils will investigate the reasons behind the failure of the Spanish Armada, experience what life was like at sea in the 16th century, and develop key historical skills such as enquiry, comparison and evidence-based debate. In addition, they will take part in a guided riverside walking tour, passing landmarks including Southwark Cathedral and Shakespeare’s Globe, with planned breaks for lunch and a visit to Borough Market.

Trip Details

Date	20 October 2026 / 22 October 2026
Time	Pupils must meet in West Canteen at 05:45, at the very latest, ready to depart at 06:00. Pupils will return to school between 18:30-19:00 (depending on traffic)
Location	Golden Hinde Ltd, St Mary Overie Dock, Cathedral Street, London, SE1 9DE
Travel	Coach
Cost	<i>Non-refundable</i> £10
Lunch	Pupils are encouraged to bring a packed lunch, snacks and water with them. However, during the visit, there will be access to nearby shops/food markets. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they can request to receive a packed lunch from school
Clothing	Weather is unpredictable, pupils must dress accordingly. Students are not required to wear school uniform; however, suitable footwear is non-negotiable
Staff	Miss Rakib, Class Teachers and Support Staff
Insurance	The City Council covers all legal liability of the Council to young people on the visit but does not provide personal accident cover where the Council has no liability. A full risk assessment for the entire trip has been completed by the school

To secure a place for your child on this trip, you must complete and submit the consent form and make the payment via ParentPay by **Friday 4 September 2026**. Any consent forms or payments received after this date will not be processed and pupils will not be permitted to attend this trip.

The Trip Leader reserves the right to remove any pupil from the trip *if* their behaviour in school is unsafe or concerning. Should you have any queries or would like further information about this trip, please contact me on 0121 783 7807.

Yours faithfully,

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Miss T Rakib

Subject Leader: History