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Dear Parent/Carer

Nero Exhibition at the British Museum

I am writing to inform you of the wonderful opportunity we have been provided by the British Museum, for our sixth form students studying Ancient History to attend their current exhibition **Nero: the man behind the myth** on **Thursday 23rd September** free of charge.

Aspects of the A-level Ancient History specification focuses intensely on the reign of Nero, his legacy and character. Drawing on the latest research, this major exhibition questions the traditional narrative of the ruthless tyrant and eccentric performer, revealing a different Nero, a populist leader at a time of great change in Roman society. Through some 200 spectacular objects, from the imperial palace in Rome to the streets of Pompeii, follow the young emperor's rise and fall and make up your own mind about Nero. Was he a young, inexperienced ruler trying his best in a divided society, or the merciless, matricidal megalomaniac history has painted him to be? Therefore this is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with the physical evidence exploring his reputation.

More information about this exhibition can be found here: <https://www.britishmuseum.org/exhibitions/nero-man-behind-myth>

Timetable: 8.30 – Students meet staff at Hemel Hempstead Station
(students will need to purchase their own train ticket on the day)
10.00 – Entrance to the Museum and Exhibition with an opportunity to visit the gift shop
12.30 – Lunch *(students will need to bring a packed lunch or money to purchase food on the day)*
14.30 – Return train to Hemel Hempstead
15.10 – Students will be dismissed from Hemel Hempstead train station

Additional Information

Please note that students will need to bring money for their train ticket and spending money for food and the gift shop should they wish to purchase anything. There is no requirement for students to adhere to the school dress code, they may dress casually, however we ask that they wear their lanyards.

Safety Measures

The British Museum has some safety measures in place which they ask members of the public to adhere to during their visit. They request that masks are worn, students are only permitted to move around in groups of 8 or less, with a minimum 2 metres between each group. Hand sanitiser is also available throughout the museum. We would request that students take their LFT test either the night before or the morning of the trip as an extra precaution.

Please contact Student Services to confirm that your child/ward has permission to attend the trip, and with any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

Ms H Aston and Mrs A Littlejohn
History Department