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Dear Member

We have not had a coach trip for a while, so I'm hoping for good weather on Wednesday 4th May as I have booked a coach to go to Hever Castle in Kent, the childhood home of Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn, which we visited 28 years ago! A permanent exhibition in the Long Gallery brings the 16th century to life and much of what you see today is the result of the efforts of William Waldorf Astor, who used his fortune to restore the Castle. There are magnificent award-winning gardens, set in 125 acres. I had intended to book a guided tour but they are early in the day and, in any case are already fully booked. However, I have booked multi-media guides instead, so you can walk around and listen at your own pace.

The coach will pick up in Harford Street opposite College at 9.45 am and we should arrive at Hever in about an hour and a quarter. I have ordered tea/coffee with mini Danish pastries to be served upon arrival. After that you are free to explore the Castle and gardens at your leisure until we leave at 4.15 pm. There are two restaurants, where you can get lunch, tea or light bites and a café and kiosks are distributed around the estate.

Cost of the coach, entrance to the Castle and grounds, coffee and multi-media guides is £17. Please complete the attached reply slip and return it to me, together with your remittance, to reach me no later than Friday 15th April.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Treasurer/Social Secretary