

Dear Head/ School,

You are warmly welcome to attend the launch of

**FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE**  
**The Education Programme for Houghton Revisited**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013**  
**2pm – 4pm**  
**The Old Kitchen Cafe, Houghton Hall**

The magnificent art collection of Great Britain's First Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, sold to Catherine the Great of Russia to adorn the Hermitage in St Petersburg, will be reassembled in its spectacular original setting of Houghton Hall for the first time in over 200 years. The 'Houghton Revisited' exhibition will run from 17 May - 29 September 2013 and is a unique opportunity to view one of the most famous art collections of eighteenth century Europe, including masterpieces by Van Dyck, Poussin, Albani, Rubens, Rembrandt, Velasquez and Murillo.

Designed and developed by Norfolk County Council's Children's Services and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, 'From Russia with Love' is the education programme supporting the exhibition, including school visits, tours, artist-led workshops, on-line learning resources and CPD opportunities for teachers.

The launch event will introduce you to the exhibition and the education programme, as well as giving you the chance to meet the project team and take an exclusive look at some of the key painting featured before the exhibition opens to the general public.

Refreshments will be served on arrival.

**To confirm your attendance, please email [education@houghtonhall.com](mailto:education@houghtonhall.com) by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with the name, position and school of representative attending. Places are on a first-come, first-served basis with a maximum of two representatives per school please.**