

December 2018

Dear Student and Parent

Year 12 Design Technology Trip to London, Monday 1 July to Wednesday 3 July 2019

The Design Technology Department is excited to be offering Food, Textiles and Product students a new trip to London in July 2019. Each group will focus on the opportunities the Capital has to offer, giving students a great opportunity to enhance further their learning, understanding and enjoyment of their course. We have selected a number of visits to give an insight into the diversity of design and technology together with subject specific activities to broaden learning and to develop in more depth their understanding of future trends.

The visit is fully inclusive and will include:

- return coach travel from St Aidan's High School to London
- two night's accommodation in central London (Covent Garden) on a bed and breakfast basis
- packed lunches
- two evening meals in local restaurants
- theatre tickets for one evening and IMAX tickets for one evening
- all excursions

The provisional itinerary for the trip is below:

Monday 1 July 2019

Morning	Depart St Aidan's main car park by executive coach travel to London
Afternoon	Food students: Borough Market and surrounding areas - to explore current trends in worldwide foods Textiles students: Dover Street Market – to look at the work of contemporary and cutting edge fashion designers, as well as innovative marketing and merchandising techniques. Possible opportunity to view some graduate collections Product students: Brand Museum – including a workshop to consider the role of packaging, how packaging and products have evolved over time and redesigning to futureproof
Evening	Dinner in London restaurant and IMAX visit.

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Morning	Visit to the V&A Museum: Food students to attend the first ever food exhibition Food: Bigger than the plate. Textiles students to attend Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams & Mary Quant exhibitions. Product students to view the architecture and furniture collections
Afternoon	Covent Gardens
Evening	Dinner in Covent Gardens and theatre trip.

Wednesday 3 July 2019

Morning **Food students** – visit to a chef at University College London to discuss veganism and the increased demand. Visit to a vegan restaurant
Product students – Design Museum and Land Rover exhibition exploring material innovation
Textiles students – Liberty, Selfridges and Berwick Street to research the work of traditional and middle market designers as well as visiting fabric and component suppliers.

Afternoon Travel back to St Aidan's.

The final cost of the trip is determined by the number of students who sign up, however we anticipate the cost to be in the region of £360.00-£420.00. To secure a place, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £130.00 on ParentPay by Friday 18 January 2019.

As **all payments for this trip are non-refundable**, I would be grateful if you could discuss this opportunity with your son or daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip. Further instalment payments of £130.00 will be due by Friday 29 March 2019 and Friday 3 May 2019.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered in the Sixth Form. When accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting in *loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that students are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity.

Those who take part in this visit must recognise that this is a school trip and must behave accordingly. The students will be staying in a hotel and visiting restaurants, which sell alcohol however, students of the Associated Sixth Form will not be allowed to purchase or drink alcohol during the trip. I would ask parents to reinforce this at home.

Following the above payment deadline, we will look at the behaviour, attendance and the wellbeing of each student who has signed up and the Trip Leader, Senior Tutor, and Senior Staff will decide if they are able to cope with the demands of the trip. If the decision is such that we do not believe the trip to be suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and in this case, we will refund the deposit payment. Please note we will only contact you if we do not accept your son/daughter onto the trip.

If, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about any student's participation on the trip, **the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form reserve the right to withdraw the their place and any payments made may not be refunded.**

If you have any queries about the trip, or if meeting the initial deadline for payment presents a problem, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator on 01423 818527.

Regards

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