

November 2019

Dear Student and Parent

Year 12 Design Technology Trip to London, Monday 29 June to Tuesday 30 June 2020

After our successful trip to London in July, the Design Technology Department is excited to be offering Food, Textiles and Product students the same trip in July 2020. 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 train journey from Harrogate to Kings Cross
- One night's accommodation in London (Kensington) on a bed and breakfast basis
- Two evening meals in local restaurants
- Theatre ticket for West End Show
- All excursions

The provisional itinerary for the trip is below:

Monday 29 June 2020

- Morning Depart Harrogate Train Station for travel to London Kings Cross
- Afternoon **Food & Product students:** Museum of Brands – workshops in Brand evolution & sustainability in packaging. Covent Garden – Food markets & Transport Museum.
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.
Covent Garden – fashion outlets.
- Evening Dinner in London restaurant and theatre visit

Tuesday 30 June 2020

- Morning Sky Garden
Textiles students: Liberty and Carnaby Street
Product students: Visit Tower Bridge – The Engine Room.
Food students: Borough market and surrounding areas - to explore current trends in worldwide foods.
- Afternoon **Textiles & Food students** to visit the V&A Museum: Food/Fashion exhibitions.
Product students: Design Museum – Landrover/Jaguar.

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 £245.00-£295.00. To secure a place, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £100.00 on ParentPay by 12:00 on Friday 29 November 2019.

Important Information: please note that all payments for this trip are non-refundable, as we have to make regular payments to suppliers. Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after 29 November 2019, you will be required to **pay the full price of the trip if your son/daughter withdraws**, unless together we can find a replacement student. This is due to cancellation charges imposed on us third parties. **For that reason, we ask that you take the time to discuss the trip in detail with your son or daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.**

The trip should now be available on your ParentPay account and you will be able to give consent online and view the balance due. If you do not have your St Aidan's log-on details for ParentPay, please contact Mrs Holey on h.holey@staidans.co.uk.

Once we have the final numbers and cost, we will divide the balance of the trip into three payments; these will be due in January 2020, March 2020 and May 2020 and we will notify you of the instalment payments by email.

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.

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

Mrs J Betteridge
Head of Technology