

September 2022

Dear Student and Parent

Year 12 Fashion & Textiles Trip to London, Monday 3 July to Tuesday 4 July 2023

Students studying Fashion in Year 12 are invited on a trip to London in July 2023. We will focus on the opportunities the Capital has to offer, giving students an excellent opportunity to enhance further their learning, understanding and enjoyment of their course. Students will also be undertaking primary research as part of their visit which can contribute to their NEA (coursework) and find out how to source fabrics which also plays an important part of their NEA.

The visit will include:

- return train travel from Harrogate Train Station to London Kings Cross
- one night's accommodation in central London (South Kensington) on a bed and breakfast basis
- two evening meals in local restaurants
- theatre tickets for one evening
- all excursions

The provisional itinerary for the trip is below:

Monday 3 July 2023

- Meet at Harrogate train station
- Arrive London Kings Cross
- Check into the hotel in South Kensington
- Lunch either around South Kensington or Harrods Food Hall
- Explore Superbrands and International Designers on the First Floor and Menswear on the Second Floor in Harrods
- Visit Dover Street Market (Haymarket)
- Visit Covent Garden
- Free time in Covent Garden
- Dinner at Cote Brasserie at 17:30
- West End theatre show

Tuesday 4 July 2023

- Visit the Sky Garden
- Visit fabric shops around Soho, Liberty and Carnaby Street
- V & A Museum
- Early supper at Pizza Union, Kings Cross
- Train from Kings Cross to Harrogate

St Aidan's ParentPay

The trip is open to all students who are studying fashion and can only be paid on St Aidan's ParentPay. If you do not have access to St Aidan's ParentPay for your son/daughter, please contact Mrs Holey, h.holey@staidans.co.uk, before Tuesday 4 October 2022 to request the necessary activation codes. Please be sure to include your son/daughter's name in the email.

The cost of the trip is dependent on the number of students that attend; however, we anticipate the cost will be in the region of £370.00-£430.00. If your son or daughter is interested in a place, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £130.00 on the **St Aidan's ParentPay by Friday 14 October 2022**.

The final price will be confirmed in April 2023 once we know the number of students attending and the two remaining instalment payments will be due by the end of February 2023 and the end of April 2023. Reminder emails will be sent out to parents together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online, you are agreeing for your son/daughter to take part on the trip, the cost, and confirming that their medical details which we hold at school are up to date.

Important Financial Information

Please note that all payments made for this trip are **non-refundable**, as we must make regular payments to our suppliers. You will also be required to pay the full price of the trip after Friday 14 October if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. This is due to the cancellation charges imposed on us by the companies we use. We therefore ask that you 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.

Covid-19

As you will be aware, the Associated Sixth Form takes the current Covid-19 pandemic very seriously and the safety and well-being of all our students and staff is always paramount. If the trip is cancelled due to Covid-19, full refunds will be given.

Behaviour

We would like to take this opportunity to point out that the success of previous trips to London has been due in part to the excellent conduct of our students. Those who take part in this visit must recognise that this is a school trip, and they must behave accordingly. Whilst the hotel we are staying in and restaurants we visit will sell alcohol, please note that Associated Sixth Form students will not be allowed to purchase or drink alcohol during the trip. We ask parents to reinforce these points with their daughter/son.

Once the deadline of Friday 14 October has passed, we will look at the behaviour, attendance and the wellbeing of each student who has signed up and decide whether they are able to cope with the demands of the trip. The decision to allow the students to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form and Senior Staff. If we decide the trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and deposits in this case will be refunded.

Once a student has been accepted onto a trip if, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about the student's participation on the trip, the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form reserves the right to withdraw the student's 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 either myself or Mrs McDonald, the Trips Administrator t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk

Regards



Miss M Walker
Head of Textiles