

September 2023

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

Year 12 Fashion & Textiles Trip to London, Tuesday 2 July to Wednesday 3 July 2024

Students studying Fashion in Year 12 are invited on a trip to London in July 2024. 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 Hornbeam Park to London Kings Cross
- one night's accommodation in Central London (hotel TBC) on a bed and breakfast basis
- two evening meals in local restaurants
- theatre ticket for one evening
- all excursions

The provisional itinerary for the trip is below, and is likely to change based on exhibition announcements expected nearer the time:

Day 1

- Meet at St Aidan's Reception, walk to Hornbeam Park to catch train
- Arrive London Kings Cross
- Check into the hotel in TBC
- Lunch TBC
- 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 and free time
- Dinner at TBC
- West End theatre show

Day 2

- 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 Hornbeam Park

Cost of Trip

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 £350.00-£450.00.

St Aidan's ParentPay / How to pay

To give parents time to discuss the London trip with their child in conjunction with the other trip opportunities available in the Associated Sixth Form, the St Aidan's ParentPay will open at 13:00 on Monday 2 October 2023 and close at 16:00 on Friday 6 October 2023.

Please note the trip is **not** available on the St John Fisher's ParentPay. If you require an activation code for the St Aidan's ParentPay, please email parentpay@staidans.co.uk prior to Monday 2 October 2023. It is important to include your child's name in the email.

Following your discussions, if your child would like to apply for a place on the trip, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £130.00 **by Friday 6 October 2023**.

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.

The final price will be confirmed in April 2024 once we know the number of students attending and the two remaining instalment payments will be due by the end of February 2024 and the end of April 2024. Reminder emails will be sent out to parents together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

Important Financial Information

Please note that payments made for this trip are non-refundable as we are bound by the booking conditions of our suppliers. Whilst we offer instalment payments for the trip, please note that if your child withdraws after Friday 6 October 2023, you will be required to pay any cancellation charges unless a replacement student can be found. We therefore ask that you take the time to discuss this trip in detail with your child to make sure they are fully committed before you make any payment.

As financial pressures rise, we have been asked by some parents if they can support with the funding of trips for students who may not otherwise be able to afford to go. We do not currently have the means to facilitate this through ParentPay however, if you do wish to make a voluntary donation which will be put towards the cost of funding another student on the trip, please contact our Finance Manager via email at E.Amos@staidans.co.uk.

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 child. The Headteacher would like to make clear that failure to observe this rule will potentially jeopardise a student's place in the Sixth Form.

Once the deadline of 6 October 2023 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 child, 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



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