

April 2024

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

Year 12 Fine Art, Photography and Graphics Trip to London, 15 - 16 July 2024

Students studying Fine Art, Photography and Graphics in Year 12 are invited on a trip to London in July 2024. Being the hub of the UK creative industry, London provides endless opportunities to enhance students' understanding and appreciation of the arts, designers, and creatives. The opportunity to visit galleries, a top university, and creative spaces will provide the impetus and spark ideas for their personal project, 60% of their overall A Level mark.

The visit will include:

- Return train travel from either Harrogate or Hornbeam Station (dependent on times) to London Kings Cross
- One night's accommodation in Central London on a bed and breakfast basis
- One evening meal in a local restaurant
- Theatre ticket for one evening
- All excursions
- Entry to one of the top arts universities in the country

The provisional itinerary for the trip is below:

Day 1

- Meet at St Aidan's Reception, walk to Hornbeam Park to catch train
- Arrive London Kings Cross
- Tube to Euston
- Visit and tour of UCL (2nd top art University in UK)
- Lunch (TBC), photos and sketching at Graffiti Tunnel
- Tate Modern
- Check in Hotel
- Dinner (Location TBC)
- Show –Wicked (TBC)
- 22:00 -Return to hotel

Day 2

- Visit National Portrait Gallery
- Lunch, photos, sketching and shopping in Convent Garden
- Visit The photographers Gallery/Royal society of Arts
- Sketching time in Green Park
- Train from Kings Cross to Harrogate / Hornbeam Park

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 £300.00-£350.00. Students will also require a contactless card for the London Underground. If your son or daughter would like a place on this trip, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £100.00 on the **St Aidan's ParentPay by Thursday 18 April 2024**.

St Aidan's ParentPay

The trip is open to all students who are studying Fine Art, Photography or Graphics and can only be paid on the St Aidan's ParentPay. If your child is at St John Fisher and you require an activation code, please email parentpay@staidans.co.uk including your child's name in the email.

The final price will be confirmed at the beginning of June once we know the number of students attending and full details of the cost. The two remaining instalment payments of approximately £125.00 will be due by **Friday 3 May 2024** and **Friday 7 June 2024**. 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 child 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 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 Thursday 18 April 2024, 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.

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 18 April 2024 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 Head 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 Head 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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