

September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 9 & 10 ART & TEXTILE RESEARCH TRIP TO BRISTOL, FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018

The Expressive Arts department are delighted to be able to offer our year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to visit Bristol on **Friday 12 October**. Although the visit is not essential to the GCSE Art & Textile course, it will support students with developing their analytical and cultural understanding of art work and further their observational skills by recording through drawing and photography. All of which are key elements of the assessment objectives.

The detailed itinerary will include: a visit to the University of Bristol's Botanical Gardens to view a unique exhibition with artist Luke Jerram entitled 'The Impossible Garden. The coach will then take us to the Bristol Museum to view the 'Fabric Africa: Stories told through textiles exhibition. This is followed by lunch and free time to walk on Park Street to take photographs of the architecture. Scheduled into the afternoon is a guided walking tour of Bristol's street art and an introductory spray can stencil workshop. All students will create a souvenir artwork to take home. To close the day we will visit the harbour side, this time is allocated for documenting the surrounding environment through drawing and photography whereby students will have free time to focus in groups on an area of interest.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving Kings at 8.30am, and returning at approximately 5.30pm. Students must wear sensible walking shoes and appropriate clothing (non-uniform) and bring with them a packed lunch, including a drink. Students should also bring spending money for Museum postcards to support their current projects. The total cost of this trip will be £30, which includes:

- *Transport by executive coach*
- *Entrance to the green houses at the University of Bristol Botanical Gardens*
- *Where the Wall Street art tour and spray can stencil workshop*
- *Bristol Museum African Textiles exhibition (admission free)*

The payment deadline is Friday 4 October. If the trip is oversubscribed we will allocate places 'first-come-first-served.'

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
 - You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK
 - As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate
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Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. If you are unable to pay online you can pay

by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. **Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.** Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the day and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, the date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or Ms R Weaving (RWeaving@kowessex.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



Ms R Weaving
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