

25 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Art Research Day to Bristol - Tuesday 7 November 2023

The Expressive Arts Faculty is delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for 45 Year 9 Art students to visit Bristol on Tuesday 7 November 2023. Although the visit is not essential to the Art course, it is a fantastic opportunity to develop analytical and cultural understanding of artwork and further observational skills by recording through drawing and photography. All of which are key elements in building a sketchbook and portfolio of work as an artist.

All students should bring a packed lunch and wear sensible walking shoes and appropriate clothing for the outdoor drawing activities in the Botanic Gardens.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving Kings at 8:30am, and returning at approximately 5.00pm. The total cost of the educational visit will be £38. As the trip arrives after school hours, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport home from school afterwards.

The cost will include the following: -

- Executive coach travel
- Entrance to University of Bristol Botanic Gardens and Glasshouses.
- Where the Wall Street Art workshops. A Bristol Graffiti Experience, including Where The Wall's 'Graffitude' and 'Introducing Stencil Art' Spray Session
- This will be a two-hour session consisting of a calligraphy graffiti writing activity, and a spray-painting activity where students will spray an artwork to take home using laser cut stencils and water-based spray paints.

During the morning we will visit Hamilton House for our two-hour Street Art Workshop with Where the Wall.

Workshop one "Introducing Stencil Art" spray session where students spray an A2 artwork to bring home using the providers laser cut stencils and water-based spray paint.

Workshop 2 explores the history and motivations of graffiti, dating back to the start of human history, and then encourages young people to explore graffiti style writing/calligraphy using some special software the provider has built that works on all generations of smart phones.

Following the workshops, we will travel by coach to the Botanic Gardens to have lunch and participate in a two hour drawing workshop in the gardens and glasshouses. From the Gardens we will return to the Academy.

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/carers 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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The payment deadline is Friday 6 October 2023. Please note that if the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. The trip will be available on ParentPay from **9am on Monday 2 October 2023**. 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 and barcode letters are 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 and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is always expected throughout the trip 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 to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or RWeaving@kovessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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