

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Expressive Arts Trip to London - Friday 19 January and Saturday 20 January 2024**

The Expressive Arts Faculty is delighted to be able to offer 45 of our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 Art, Music, Textiles, Performing Arts and Photography students the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the arts in historical and contemporary contexts. Although the visit is not essential to the expressive arts endorsements, it will support students with developing their cultural understanding and creative responses to the world around them.

Whilst in London, all students will be set subject specific tasks to complete in response to the artwork with reference to the topics and themes studied in school. Students will create a travel journal documenting their experience in London. For students studying an art-based discipline, this is a research trip to gather information, analyse artists, and record through drawing and photography in preparation for their GCSE and A Level component 2, externally set exam. The West End show will be a fantastic experience for all students, in particular our textile and performing arts cohort with students selecting to either attend a West End workshop to build upon their physical, vocal and expressive skills or a street art tour which will no doubt appeal to our photography students.

The trip will leave school on Friday 19 January 2024 at 5.30am, returning on Saturday 20 January 2024 at approximately 8.30pm. As the trip returns on a non-school day, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport home from school.

The total cost of this trip will be **£335**, which includes:

- Executive coach travel
- Travel insurance
- Overnight accommodation to include breakfast – Royal National Hotel
- Theatre ticket to a West End Show (The Play That Goes Wrong or alternative)
- Either a West End Workshop or a Shoreditch Street Art Tour
- National Portrait Gallery – Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Exhibition 2023
- Honest Burger Meal
- Visit to Tate Modern (free entry)
- Visit to Victoria & Albert Museum (free entry)

#### **Not included:**

- Packed lunch at the Tate, Friday
- Lunch in Spitalfields Market, Saturday
- Pocket money

The payment deadline for the deposit of £75.00 is due by Friday 13 October 2023, and the balance of £260 is required by Friday 24 November 2023. ParentPay will open for payment at 9am on Monday 2 October 2023. Please ensure your ParentPay account has been activated before then. If the trip is oversubscribed, PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.



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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 abovementioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate

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 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 expected at all times 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. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure.

If you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or [RWeaving@kovessex.co.uk](mailto:RWeaving@kovessex.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

Ms R Weaving  
Head of Expressive Art



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