

January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Design and Technology Trip to the Mechanical Art and Design Museum - Monday 11 March 2024

The Design Technology Department is delighted to be able to offer 52 students the opportunity to visit the Mechanical Art and Design Museum in Stratford Upon Avon on Monday 11 March 2024. This will support students with their enrichment programme and research work for Year 9, The Mechanical Arm Project.

In the Museum, there is around 70 pieces of mechanical art on display, specifically called Kinetic Art and Automata, which students can experiment and physically handle. These hands on exhibits all display creative, inventiveness, clever design and physics principles. Students will receive an activity pack to complete while in the Museum and after their visit, and a pack of Cam Automata and linkages kit, which will help to explore the science of movement. Students will be visiting the Butterfly Farm which will be within the vicinity of the Museum and will be a great research task gathering 'biomimicry' inspirations for the mechanical arm project.

Travel will be by coach from the Kings Academy, leaving at 8.30am and returning at approximately 5.00pm. As the trip leaves and returns before and after the school day, it will be the responsibility of Parents/Carers to arrange transport to and from the school. The total cost of the educational visit is £35.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch as they will not have the opportunity to buy lunch at the park. They will, however, have the chance to visit the gift shop. The day is non-uniform but students will need sensible shoes and a waterproof coat.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. **The trip will be available on ParentPay from Monday 22 January 2024 from 8.00am.** 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. If your child withdraws from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student. **If the trip is oversubscribed, PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

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



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- 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.

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, and the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and Classcharts. 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 by email TKemp@kovessex.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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