

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Expressive Arts Trip to London – Thursday 23 October to Friday 24 October 2025

The Expressive Arts Faculty is delighted to be able to offer 45 Expressive Art Students across Years 9 and 10 the opportunity to visit London on Thursday 23 October to Friday 24 October 2025. Although the visit is not essential to your child's chosen course, it will allow students to encounter experiences that are unavailable in the classroom. The itinerary has been devised to provide students with the chance to experience cultures, respect differences, and thus broaden their horizons and knowledge.

We will visit the Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the V&A to view the permanent collection. During the trip, students studying an Art endorsement will create a sketchbook journal documenting their experience through drawing, collage, text and photography. The journal can be entered as part of the GCSE coursework unit and for A Level students their personal investigation 60% Component One. On their return, students will have the opportunity to develop, refine and complete their travel journals ready for assessment.

We will also attend The Devil Wears Prada at the West End, a dazzling production that will inspire our Art, Textile, Music, and Drama students. This experience will provide insight into costume and set design, musical composition, and professional stage performance, enriching their creative and academic studies. Watching a live production of this calibre will ignite their artistic passion and offer a firsthand look at the collaborative nature of the creative industry.

The trip will leave on Thursday 23 October and return on Friday 24 October 2025. The total cost of the educational visit will be £336.

The cost will include the following: -

- Coach Travel
- Accommodation – Premier Inn
- Evening Meal – Honest Burger
- Theatre West End Performance – The Devil Wears Prada

Not included:

- Meal en route from Kings Academy to London – Students will need to provide a packed lunch for the outward journey.
- Students to purchase lunch from a selection of eateries or supermarket on Friday 24 October during our daily excursion.
- Meal en route from London to Kings Academy.

The total cost of this trip is **£336**. A deposit of **£100 is due by Friday 18 April 2025** which is non-refundable on gaining a place on the trip. Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. The trip will be available on ParentPay **from 8.00am on Friday 4 April 2025**. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. 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.



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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.

The suggested payment schedule for the deposit and remaining balance is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Friday 18 April 2025 Deposit	£100	
Friday 20 June 2025	£130	
Friday 18 July 2025	£106	£336

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 students 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.

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. If you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or RWeaving@kowessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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