

Dear Parent/Carer

11th February 2019

GCSE/A Level visit to V&A Museum and Design Museum – Thursday 21st March 2019

The Victoria and Albert Museum



For our **Textile & Fashion students** this one day visit aims to give students a very special insight into one of the most famous fashion designers of the 20th Century – Christian Dior. The exhibition looks at clothing from 1947 to the present day and explores the enduring influence of the Dior fashion house, and its relationship with Britain.

In addition students will be given enough time to visit The Fashion Gallery (Room 40) which displays European fashion, fabrics and accessories from 1750 to the present day. It includes iconic designs by Coco Chanel, Christian Dior, Mary Quant, Vivienne Westwood, John Galiano and Alexander McQueen.

There will be some flexible time for students to explore a part of the V&A that interests them personally. I recommend students explore the V&A website <http://www.vam.ac.uk> to find out more. I particularly like

<http://www.vam.ac.uk/page/0-9/20th-century-fashion/> a web page crammed with information that relates to both Textiles and Fashion.



For our **Product Design students** this one day visit aims to give students a broader and deeper understanding of Graphics and Product Design, and is particularly useful in preparation for their major project. At the V&A we will concentrate our time in the 20th Century Study collection of furniture, graphics and consumer products. A new gallery, located alongside the Ceramics Study Galleries, presents the Museum's outstanding collection of British and international furniture from the 15th century to the present day. It focuses on questions of form, function, and techniques of construction and decoration in the creation of furniture over the past six hundred years.

All students will collectively meet and have their packed lunch in a nearby park, weather permitting. They will then be escorted on a 30 minute walk to the Design Museum.

The Design Museum

The Design Museum champions design and the impact it has on the world, while introducing students to the incredible people behind it. Design is about innovation, technology, creativity and craftsmanship and influences our lives in more ways than we can imagine. This is an opportunity to explore a wide range of design themes and the contemporary relationship between the designer, maker and user.

There are two exhibitions and we ask students to view <https://designmuseum.org/exhibitions> before selecting just one, as tickets need to be bought in advance of our visit:

David Adjaye: Architecture

Experience the storytelling power of architecture through an exploration of seven monumental projects from celebrated architect Sir David Adjaye OBE.

OR

Home Futures: The Home of the Future

Explore today’s home through the prism of yesterday’s imagination. Are we living in the way that pioneering designers throughout the 20th century predicted, or has our idea of home proved resistant to real change?

There are also free exhibitions for students to visit if they so wish.

We will depart Milton Turning Circle at **7.30am** and return at approximately **7.30pm**. Students should bring a packed lunch and materials for sketching and note taking. A camera may prove useful though we expect no flash will be allowed inside the Dior exhibition.

The cost of the visit will be **£25.00 for Fashion & Textile students**. (Normally, exhibition cost alone is £20.00 per person) and **£22.00 for Product Design students**. The cost is inclusive for the whole day and we have a maximum of 50 places.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this visit our preferred method of payment, using a credit/debit card over the Internet, is via Tucasi Online Payments. Alternatively, please return payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School with your child’s name, tutor group and trip/event on the reverse) to the Finance Office at break only, 11.10am-11.30am, by **Wednesday 27th February 2019**.

Yours sincerely

Ms Rebecca Webster

Mr Gerald Eyers

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To: Ms Webster/Mr Eyers – Museum Trip, London. Thursday 21st March 2019

Name.....Tutor Group.....

As parent of the above students I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my daughter/son taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why s/he should not participate.

- The school has Activities Insurance for students for all trips and activities on and off the school site. Details of the key benefits are available from the Finance Office.
- Parents should consider taking out additional insurance cover for their child if they require benefits above those provided by the school.
- The School only provides cover at the School against proven or agreed negligence by the School and its employees.

Signature of Parent/Carer Date.....

All students must choose one option from the following exhibitions at the Design Museum. Please visit <https://designmuseum.org/exhibitions> to ensure choice made is an informed one:

David Adjaye

OR

Home Futures